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Beal Plantation in Grayling area has historical, educational importance

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

It happened more than 100 years ago, but the trees that were planted by Professor William James Beal in Grayling are probably even more important today than the professor realized when he originally planted them.

The historical and educational aspects of the Beal Plantation as it is today were discussed by eight interested persons on Wednesday, April 16 at the Huron Pines RC&D office. The persons in attendance ranged from local officials to state Department of Natural Resources and other agency officials.

The Beal Plantation is located in the City of Grayling limits in the Grayling Industrial Park. The trees in the unique site were planted on May 23, 1888 under the supervision of Professor Beal of the Michigan Agricultural College (changed to Michigan State University).

The site has been basically undisturbed over the 100-plus years. This makes the plantation very important of forestry officials, because most of these types of plantations have been since destroyed or are no longer owned by state government.

Tentative site in Frederic Township picked for proposed race-track facility

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A tentative site has been selected for the proposed race-track facility which may call Crawford County home.

The proposed site location for the Edges Raceway is just the first step of many which would have to be completed before the facility would be located in Crawford County.

The tentative site for the facility is located one mile north of Grayling High School between Old-27 and I-75 in Frederic Township.

This site was picked out of a group of three locations looked at by the

Current Michigan State University Professor Frank Telewski, one of those interested in the plantation, has said that this site is so unique that it may be the only one in the entire country where reforestation has been so well documented and preserved.

The officials at the April 16 meeting mentioned that the plantation was not even considered very important until recently. Most did not even know it existed. The officials called it "luck" that the plantation still exists and is still state land.

Beal originally established the plantation so researchers could see how well various types of trees and shrubs would fare on the dry, sandy soils so common to central northern Michigan. Since it was started for this reason, the records of the initial plantings can be compared to the current status of the trees.

The study and documentation of the trees will be the responsibility of Telewski and a graduate student. The plan is to have the student and professor go through the plantation and get an inventory of the trees this summer.

The purpose of the state and local officials is to do a small development of the site to protect the plantation and to make it available for interested

persons to view. The development includes a parking location and an interpretive trail.

A display was also on hand at the meeting. The display includes photos of the plantation from the early years to more current photos and a description of the Beal Plantation. The idea is to use the display at forestry and other types of shows.

The statement at the top of the

display reads, "The Beginnings of Silviculture in Michigan. The Test Plantations of Professor W.J. Beal."

The first program it was displayed at was the Society of American Foresters. Susan Thiel, Grayling DNR Forest Management Division officer, was at the show and said there were a lot of people who stopped by the display and a lot of them did not realize that this type of plantation even existed.



PLANTATION DISPLAY — Charlie Guenther (left) and Susan Thiel, Grayling Department of Natural Resources officer, stand in front of the display made to publicize the Beal Plantation in Grayling.

concerning the race-track facility.

"This site was selected because of its close proximity to I-75, and the site is located between two exchanges (M-93 and County Road 612)," the release from Schneider read. "The Edges Group will begin the process of obtaining an option of this property from the state only after a public hearing with the citizens of Crawford County."

The public hearing will give residents a chance to voice concerns and ask questions about the proposed race-track facility, which includes three race tracks — an oval, a road

course and a drag strip. According to the officials of the Edges Raceway Group, the public hearing about the race tracks and the proposed site will be held sometime in late May or early June.

The raceway group is attempting a different process to get the state land released to them for the project. The group was not able to obtain an option on the site of state land in Kalkaska County, which was a location the project was proposed prior to coming to Crawford County.

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Civilian aircraft will need to detour from Grayling Army Airfield

Deadline for insurance payment is Friday for Crawford County

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

According to some estimates from county officials, the airfield has about 5,000 to 10,000 instances of aircraft movement each year. The civilian use is approximately one-third of this figure, with the military's use at about two-thirds.

The county closed its operation of storing some planes, and storing and selling fuel at the Grayling Army Airfield in July 1996. This was the first step.

Now, county officials have decided they are not going to renew the insurance policy for the Camp Grayling-operated airfield. The insurance is needed to provide for civilian use of the military airfield.

The military will continue to operate the airfield and use the facility for government-owned planes. Without the insurance being paid, civilian aircraft will not be able to use the Grayling Army Airfield, formerly known as the McNamara Airport.

According to Bretzke, the county has paid additional money to plow the runway and other maintenance of the airfield over the years.

"It would be ridiculous for us to pay for something we have no say on," Bretzke said. "We had no operating say in regards to the airport."

A couple of issues which have come up recently led to Bretzke saying the county had no say in the operation.

The two issues Bretzke mentioned was the county not being able to get land from the military adjacent to the airfield for a county industrial park and no long-term lease for an area college.

According to Bretzke, the county wanted some of the adjacent land for industrial growth through the establishment of an industrial park. The other issue involved Kirtland Community College attempting to get a long-term lease to expand its police academy.

Although the county has begun the process of getting out of the airport

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**-- Bruce Bretzke,
Crawford County Chairman**

business, Bretzke said the county may renew a portion of the insurance for the county-owned 26 acres. The lease on these 26 acres runs until 2003.

Crawford County had operated a Fixed Based Operation at the airfield on its leased land. A Fixed Based Operation means there was a place to store aircraft, and to store and sell fuel.

Last year when the county closed its operation, the fuel tanks were removed and are for sale and the hangar building also is for sale.

Candidates to run for school board

Four Grayling men, Rodney Lobsinger, Michael L. Johnson, James E. Tobin and Karl A. Schreiner, will be vying for two four year school board terms at the June 9 election.

Lobsinger's and board president Lewis Madill's terms will expire at the end of this school year.

The last day to register to vote for this election is May 12.

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FORENSICS CHAMPIONS -- The Grayling Middle School Forensics team members that traveled to Beaverton are (in alphabetical order) William Armstrong, Lexi Bondar, Missy Bouillard, Angela Cooper, Janna Eddy, Angela Everson, Monique Fagan, Kaylub Fedak, Angela Fisher, Anna Fortino, Ara Gallagher, John Gardiner, Laura Gassman, Brad Gorski, Lorrie Hinkle, Jessica Holzbauer, Becky Hunt, Rachael Hunt, Eric Hunter, Justin Manier, Kira Maples, Charlie McNamara, John McNamara, Nate Mueller, Cody Myers, Heidi Neiderer, Rachael Ramaswamy, Ryan Richardson, Jennifer Robbins, Gina Rosi, Sonya Saladine, Gwen Seifert, Michelle Stepp, Joyce Thomas, Jesse VanSlyke, Jennifer Wheeling, Gary Winchester and Lloyd Winkler. The team is coached by Bob Gorski.

photo by Craig Hofman

Middle School Forensics bring home hardware

The Grayling Middle School Forensics team traveled to Beaverton April 12 and competed against Fairview, as well as Beaverton.

The team captured nine out of nine first place trophies, five second place trophies and seven third place trophies -- totaling 21 out of 27 trophies.

The team finished in the following places:

Storytelling -- Gina Rosi, first; Charlie McNamara, second; and Jesse VanSlyke, third.

Multiple -- Sonya Saladine, Becky Hunt, Gwen Seifert, Heidi Neiderer and Joyce Thomas, first.

Dramatic Interpretation -- Gary Winchester, first.

Duo -- Lori Hinkle/Anna Fortino, first; and Janna Eddy/Kara Maples, third.

Informative -- Lloyd Winkler, first; Ara Gallagher and Angela Fisher, tied for third.

Prose -- Jessica Holzbauer, first; Laura Gassman, second; and Angela Cooper, third.

Extemporaneous -- Jennifer Wheeling, first; Monique Fagan, second; and Ryan Richardson, third.

Poetry -- Michelle Stepp, first; John McNamara and Rachael Ramaswamy, tied for second; Angela Everson, third.



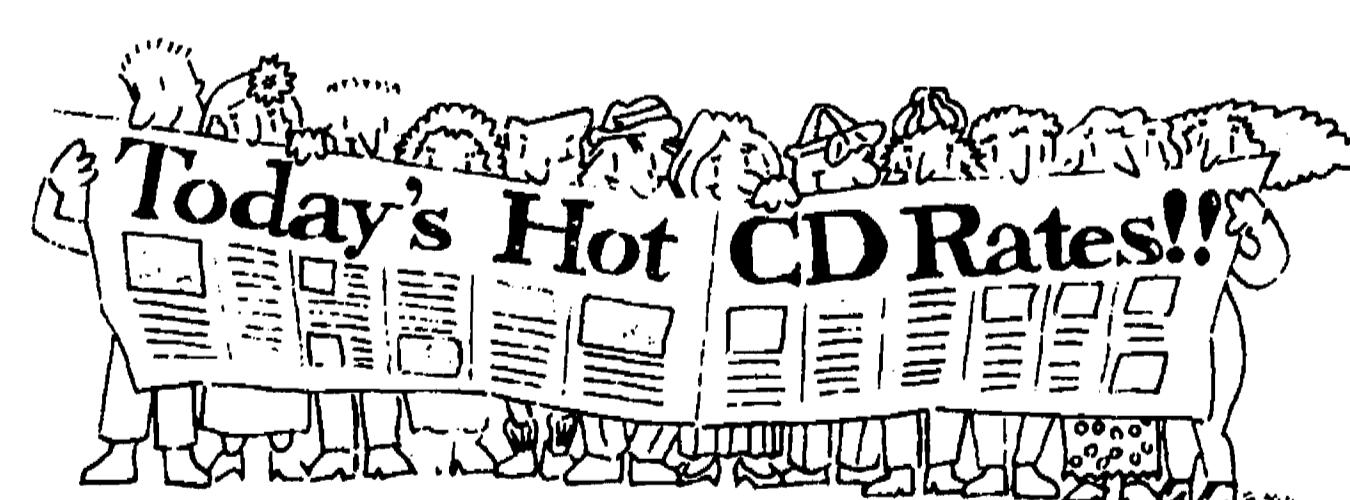
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ACCREDITED SCHOOL -- Class representatives from Frederic Elementary School are presented a certificate for being a newly accredited school. The school's secretary, Nancy Baldwin (far left) and principal Pat Nunn (far right) present the certificate to Julie Teal, first grade; (front, from left), Laura Johnson, kindergarten; and Josh Mastej, third grade. The back row of students (from left) are Megan Madill, fifth grade; Anthony Etson, fourth grade; Eddie Gosicki, fifth grade; and Michael Rollins, second grade.

photo by Lisa Hofman

Grayling doctor among 17 physicians selected for award

Seventeen outstanding Michigan physicians have been selected to receive Community Service Awards from the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) in conjunction with the March 30 national observance of Doctors' Day.

"These physicians recognize the importance of giving back to the communities in which they practice," said W. Peter McCabe, MD, a Grosse Pointe Shores plastic surgeon and president of the 12,500-member Michigan State Medical Society. "To paraphrase Steven Covey, their service is the rent they pay for the privilege of living in their communities. The medical profession is very proud of them, and their communities should be, too."

Ralph S. Steffe, MD, of Grayling, is recognized for a number of community activities, including providing free sports physical examinations for area students. A member of MSMS for 57

years, Steffe also was the medical director of the local Hospice of Michigan and the Skilled Care Facility at Mercy Manor in Grayling. He also has been quite active in his church and with the Milltown Festival.

Recipients of the 1997 MSMS Community Service Awards were nominated by their peers at the county level. They will be presented with their awards by an MSMS officer at an upcoming county medical society meeting and will be recognized at the annual MSMS House of Delegates meeting May 2-4 in Traverse City.

Categories for nomination for the MSMS Community Service Award include volunteer medical service, overseas missionary work, volunteer health education efforts, establishing environmental and conservation programs, establishing public health programs and extended community service and leadership.

Doctors' Day has been held annually

since 1933 to honor physicians who dedicate their careers to the care of their patients and to advancing medical knowledge. The first Doctors' Day honored Crawford W. Long, MD, of Georgia, who discovered the use of ether as an anesthetic in surgery. Previously, surgery was done without any painkillers.

Soccer registration extended

The deadline for 4-H Soccer has been extended to April 25. Boys and girls in fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade are eligible to play. All practices and games will be on Saturdays, beginning May 3, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Please contact the 4-H Office at 348-2844 ext. 264 in the basement of the courthouse to register or volunteer.



AIR HOCKEY -- Amanda Lightle, 9, plays air hockey during the Christian Youth Activities Center Grand Opening. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony were held April 19.

photo by Lisa Hofman

Youth activity center holds grand opening at Hanson Hills

The Christian Youth Activity Center located at Hanson Hills held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, April 19.

The center is a ministry of participating local churches who wish to provide a safe environment for youth to gather.

Since opening March 1, the center has had an average of 22 teens present each day participating in the activities offered at the center. Those activities

include basketball, arcade games, Nintendo, board games, cards and the center includes a study area.

The center is directed by Daniel Jurkovich. The board members are Bob McLachlan Jr., Mary Nania, the Rev. Rob Henley, the Rev. Ron Voelker, Josh Colby and Lyle Studer.

The center is open Fridays 5-10 p.m., Saturdays noon-10 p.m. and Sundays 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Ski trail groomers to be purchased by GRA

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Will Hanson Hills join the ranks of the best cross country skiing in northern Michigan?

The members of the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) hope so, and have given the officials one of the tools to make the Hanson Hills cross country ski trail system the best it has ever been.

The members of the GRA board voted unanimously to purchase a used cross country groomer and a snowmobile with a smaller grooming unit attached. Neal Michal and Richard Jaskowski were absent from the April 17 meeting, so they did not vote in the matter.

According to the approved motion which was made by Wally Walsh, before the purchase is made a check must be made with the finance committee to make sure the purchases will work in the GRA budget.

The cost of the full-size groomer for the Hanson Hills cross country ski trails will be \$54,900. This piece of equipment is used, having about 3,800 hours of use on it. The company is selling both grooming devices because its enterprise did not do well financially so it is selling its equipment. GRA Director Cindy Olson, who was involved with locating the used equipment for sale, pointed out that a brand new groomer of this type would cost about \$160,000.

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The price of the smaller grooming unit is \$6,700. This used piece of equipment is approximately one-year old.

Before the vote, Olson explained to the board members that Hanson Hills has a great need for a new groomer. She said the most important item in regard to having a good cross country ski season is to have good, groomed trails.

Olson said the current groomer is inferior.

Some ski officials told Olson that Hanson Hills can double the amount of cross country skiers per day if GRA had a good groomer. With the present groomer, a good day is considered 75 skiers.

According to Olson, ski associations have said they will come to Hanson Hills more frequently to cross country ski if the trails were packed better with a groomer.

With the addition of a better groomer, GRA officials hope more skiers will ski their trails. Rev. Paul Boerger said, "We have the best trail system."

Although GRA Secretary Jim Nygard voted for the purchase, he said he had some concerns about the way the cross country ski season is run.

Nygard said he has serious reservations because of the amount of people who come on to the ski trail system without paying.

"I'm all for improving the trail system, but we need to also make sure we improve the operation of the trails to go with it," Nygard said. "We need to address the other issues too."

Resignations accepted by school board

At Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting two resignations were accepted.

Lee Riley resigned from his position as bus driver effective at the end of the 1996-97 school year. Riley has been a bus driver since 1985, but has decided to retire.

Mary Hiltonen, a middle school special education teacher, also resigned from her position. She began teaching in the district in the fall of 1996.

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FREDERIC'S BEST -- These third grade students from Frederic Elementary participated in a coloring contest. The first and third place winners were (holding pictures) Crystal Mills and April Wheeler.

Teachers have day

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COLORING'S TOP THREE -- These three students were Grayling Elementary's best in a coloring contest. Pictured with Principal Ellen Thompson are, from left: Heather Phillips, second place; Emilie Guardado, third place; and Mark Mikulen, first place.

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Richard Milliman

Clinton support may be waning

OPINION POLLS can be a sometime thing.

American politics feeds on polls. Politicians cannot live without them. Polls seem to guide their every act.

Many politicians refuse to take a single step without running a poll first.

Whatever a poll indicates the public wants, then the politician will follow along.

Leadership? Hah! Only if a poll tells the politician what to do.

Polling also is used regularly to measure how an office holder is doing in the public mind.

According to most of these polls, President Bill Clinton seems to be hanging in there with the public, despite all the troublesome publicity and suspicious speculation about his actions.

RECENT POLLS vary a bit, but in general they rate Mr. Clinton at slightly above 50 percent acceptance by the public.

A Harris poll for March 27-April 1 showed Mr. Clinton's job approval rating had dropped from 57 percent about a month earlier to only 51 percent.

However, a CBS News/New York Times poll showed the Clinton approval rating steady at 56 percent between March and April.

The difference of about 10 percent is not unusual in polling: often you pay your money and you take your choice ... shop around until you find poll results which suit you.

As with statistics, you can support almost any point you care to make with creative polling — careful choice of respondents, selective questions, artistic wording ... things of that sort.

THE 51 OR 56 percent approval rating for Mr. Clinton may well be on the money, especially in light of the fact that he was elected twice with less than 50 percent popular support each time.

But shouldn't the approval rating for the President — any president — be higher than it is for Mr. Clinton?

Once elected, Mr. Clinton is the only President we have, and as such logically should receive considerably more support from the public than the polls indicate. That's the way Americans usually react.

All the controversy about political

fund-raising and Mr. Clinton's role in it does not seem to bother most folks, at least if we believe the polls.

Surveys consistently have indicated up to 75 percent of the public does not believe what Mr. Clinton and Democrats did to raise money was wrong.

But then, the New York Times/CBS News poll showing steady Clinton support also found only 12 percent of Americans said they follow news about campaign finances very closely if at all.

It's easy to see why 88 percent of the people are not bothered by matters to which they don't pay attention.

This can't be the fault of a usual scapegoat — the media. Plenty of information has been made available.

In fact, in the same poll, 43 percent of the public complains the news media are paying too much attention to campaign finance news.

IN AN ANALYSIS of the political funds controversy, Detroit Free Press writer Robert A. Rankin claims America's "sense of ethics" apparently has not been violated. He recently wrote:

"In politics it's squeezing donors to pay for campaigns. In business, it's exploiting every last loophole to minimize taxes. In sports, it's player agents bullying team owners to 'show me the money.' In religion, it's televangelists calling for cash as a test of faith."

If Mr. Rankin is right, this general public shoulder-shrugging over how campaign funds are raised and spent still is bothersome.

The public apparently has become de-sensitized to the eternal hustle for cash or advantage on every front.

It must be all right because everybody else is doing it one way or another.

Situational ethics?

We don't need a poll to discover that seems to be the way it is with most Americans.

That's quite bothersome, too.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

POINT OF VIEW

by Kent Reynolds, Superintendent

Parents are a child's first and most important teachers

Last week President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton conducted "The White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children." The initiative emphasizes two important points: 1.) mental stimulation in the first few years of a child's life patterns the brain to think effectively and influences intellectual potential, and 2.) parents are a child's most important and effective teachers.

I encourage parents to be active partners in their children's education from birth through school years. Babies should be talked to, held, and provided with a bright colorful environment. As they try to communicate with sounds and actions, parents should respond with encouragement. Babies need to be made to feel safe, comforted when they fuss, and given stimulating toys and things to look at. As they become mobile, they need to be directed to activities that develop fine and gross motor muscles and that stimulate their brain. Children should

be read to daily. Mental nourishment is as important to their brain as proper nutrition is to their body.

Parents should not wait until their child enters preschool or kindergarten to provide an intellectually stimulating environment. Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. Day care, preschool, or school programs can only build on the foundation laid by parents. Research has proven that the lack of mental stimulation in the first few years of life can reduce potential IQ significantly.

The five preschool programs in Crawford County who have formed the Crawford County Preschool Association provide stimulating, safe programs to extend and support parents' efforts. This Thursday evening (April 24) they will conduct the annual preschool fair at the new AuSable Primary School. Parents wishing information regarding any of the programs should plan to attend. Representatives from HeadStart, the school districts four-year-old program, Mercy Child Care and Preschool, the Grayling Cooperative Preschool, and

the Crawford AuSable Preschool will be present. The school district school psychologist, speech therapist and early-on coordinator will be present to consult with parents. Representatives from the health department and MSU family nutrition program will also be available and Dr. Aubrey will provide vision screening. Parents can enroll their children in any of the programs for next fall.

As children enter kindergarten to begin their formal schooling, the parents' role as teacher remains significant. We in the Crawford AuSable School District encourage parents to become full partners in their children's education. Visit your children's classroom. Communicate regularly with your children's teachers.

Know what your children are doing in school. Support and enhance learning by insisting that homework is completed and helping them when necessary. Provide stimulating reading material. READ! If you read, your child will read. Turn off the television occasionally. Provide a place and time for study. Encourage your child and

celebrate successes. Don't dwell on failures. Talk with your child. Eat meals together. Set time daily to review the events of the day with all members of the family participating in the discussion. Watch the news together and discuss current events. Help your child understand and interpret controversial or unhappy circumstances. Learning is not something that just happens in school.

I applaud the President and First Lady for recognizing the importance of intellectual development in the early years and for using the office of the Presidency to set a national direction. The Crawford AuSable School District supports the efforts of parents and pledges the energy and dedication of all district employees to make parents full partners in their children's education. We must work together to insure that our children reach their full potential.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

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In children, lead poisoning can cause irreversible brain damage and impaired mental function. It can retard mental and physical development and may also affect the normal development of the unborn child. Infants, children, unborn babies and adults with high blood pressure need to be especially concerned about lead poisoning.

If your house is old and deteriorating, you should have your children checked periodically for lead poisoning. Because the symptoms of lead poisoning are similar to other illnesses, it is difficult to diagnose without medical testing. Failure to treat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A possible solution to the country's drug problem

To the editor:

When we read our newspapers or watch the news on our TV, we read or hear about the drug problem we have in this country. It seems there are only three trains of thought on dealing with the drug problem. One is to lock up the drug pushers and throw away the key. The other is to make drugs legal. There are other people who believe there is no solution to the drug problem, and we'll have to learn how to live with it.

I joined the Navy back in 1973, and during that time the military drug problem was out of control. I would say about 40 percent of the sailors in my naval squadron were using drugs.

In fact, on several occasions, I witnessed sailors smoking pot on the flight line and even on guard duty. One of my memories of that time was waking up in the barracks and smelling pot throughout the building on Saturday mornings.

As you can see, the military had a very serious drug problem, but today as a member of the Michigan Army National, I'm hard pressed to find any drug usage in the military. What has

changed in the military in the last 20 years or more was the use of the drug test to weed out the drug user. Drug testing started back in the late 70s and the early 80s, and it took several years to bring the drug problem under control. It was soon realized that you couldn't hide your drug usage from the drug test, and you would either have to give up drugs or be thrown out of the military. So you can see, it was the drug testing program that brought the military drug problem under control.

As parents we also could use the drug test to control the drug problems in our schools and in our own families. If we give our children an annual drug test, it will help them stay away from drugs because of the fear of being caught. If that doesn't work, then we would know when our children start to use drugs way before the trouble signs are evident. That way we'll be able to put a stop to it before they become hooked.

Michael Gildner

Grayling

Managing director offers clarification of statement

To the editor:

In The Avalanche of April 17, an article: Pros and Cons of Proposed Country Club appeared. I was quoted as saying The Road Commission will not contribute to private roads within the development and does not intend to adopt the new roads that are built. This is so.

However, the developer is contemplating upgrades and improvements

James Briney.

Managing Director

of The Road Commission

GUEST COLUMN

by Jim Brinkman

Tracing local paper's name

Why is this newspaper called the Avalanche?

While helping out here for a few months last year, that question arose, but no one on the staff had a good answer. The paper has carried the same name since its inception over 100 years ago.

Then, last winter, I stumbled across the probable answer while reading a book on New York's Adirondack Mountains (The Ancient Adirondacks, Time-Life Books). Reference was made to Avalanche Pass, as well as to nearby Avalanche Peak and Avalanche Lake. Furthermore, all these "avalanches" were in the vicinity of the AuSable River, which flows into Lake Champlain.

Michigan is replete with place names borrowed from New York. This is because so many of the early white settlers were "Yankees and Yorkers."

who moved west seeking good farmland or business opportunities

Michigan towns and villages with names taken from earlier settlements in New York include Ithaca, Utica, Aurelius, Homer and Marcellus. Others are Athens, Attica, Otsego, Ovid, Troy, Saranac and Medina.

Many of these names have classical backgrounds. That can be traced to a commission charged with providing place names for upper New York state. The commissioners met in July of 1790 and favored names going back to ancient Greek and Roman times.

A few decades elapsed before these names began appearing on Michigan maps. Most of the Michigan towns have remained small. Troy is a notable exception.

Jim Brinkman has edited several weeklies and bi-weeklies in Michigan and Florida.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Jerry and Elizabeth Suminski of Grayling, announce the arrival of Nicholas Suminski, born April 4, 1997.

Martin Stevens and Kelly Gross of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Madison Nicole, born April 8, 1997.

David and Margaret Cueter of Grayling, announce the arrival of Anthony Cameron, born April 7, 1997.

Correction

In last week's issue of the Avalanche a paraphrased statement from Dennis Long concerning county recycling was misrepresented. Long actually was stating how the money the county received from the litigation settlement involving the landfill should be used for recycling and a monitoring official.

The litigation settlement came about with the addition of more counties to the list of counties which can have trash deposited in the landfill. The money being distributed to the townships and city did not come from the sale of the landfill.

The Avalanche apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

BRIEFS

1997 GHS yearbook for sale

The Grayling High School 1997 SAGA yearbook "Out of Step" is now on sale. The yearbook costs \$30, with free name embossing until April 30.

Order information received in the mail should be returned, with a check, to the SAGA staff, or a yearbook can be purchased from any SAGA staff member. All graduating seniors will receive their yearbook free, courtesy of the high school administration.

Blaauw awarded for leadership

Brooke L. Blaauw, Grayling, recently received an Emerging New Leaders Awards, which is given to freshmen at Adrian College who have demonstrated leadership skills and potential during their first year. Blaauw is the daughter of Jed and Mary Kay Blaauw.

Harvest to perform in concert

Terry Williams, contemporary Christian musician and founder of the nationally-known group Harvest, will be ministering in concert on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Grayling High School auditorium. Any individuals, churches or businesses wanting to help underwrite the cost can send donations to the AuSable Ministerial Association at 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

NARFE local chapter to meet

The local chapter of NARFE, Chapter 2305 will meet on Thursday, May 2 at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses.

Preschool fair to be held at AuSable Primary

The fifth annual preschool fair will be held Thursday, April 24, from 7-8 p.m. in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. The fair offers parents an opportunity to enroll their children in preschool programs for next fall.

Rummage sale to be held at St. John

A rummage sale will be held at St. John Lutheran, 710 Spruce Street, on May 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A \$1 bag sale will be offered on Saturday from 1-3 p.m.

Singers to present concert

On Saturday May 3, the Michelson Singers will present a concert at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. The concert, called Mostly Gospel will be an evening of light music performed by the nine member organization. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. The singers will be accompanied by a small rhythm ensemble and by members of the AuSable River Dixieland Band.

Substance abuse services board to meet

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be held on Monday, May 5, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Baraga Meeting Room of the Offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Inc., in Gaylord.

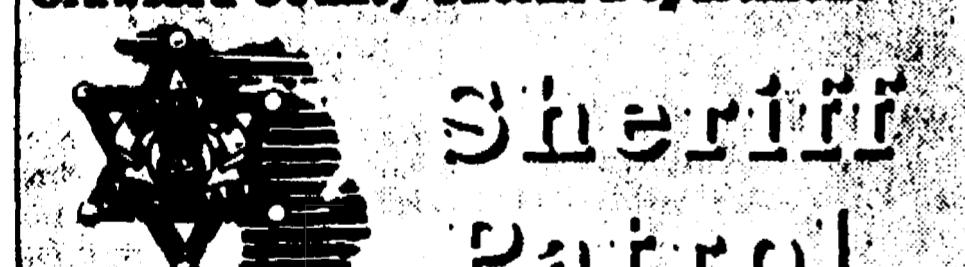
Toupin to give away trees

Dr. Suzanne J. Toupin, D.C. Chiropractic Physician, will be giving away 50 trees in honor of Earth Day. The trees will be given away at 1406 South 1-75 Business Loop on April 23 and April 25.

Women's golf auxiliary to hold meeting

The Wednesday morning Women's Golf Auxiliary is having their annual organizational meeting on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club.

Crawford County Sheriff Department



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 227 incidents from April 4 through April 21:

Good Intent (2), Criminal Sexual Conduct (1), Assault (1), Burglary (6), Larceny (5), Fraud (1), Stolen Property (1), Property Damage (7), Controlled Substance (4), Fam/Child (1), Liquor Laws (1), Public Peace (13), Hit and Run Accident (1);

QUIL/QUID (5), Citations (7), Health and Safety (30), Invasion of Privacy (1), Conservation (4), MiscCrim (6), Minors (14), Accidents (23), Non-traffic Accident (6), Parking Violation (2), TrafPolic (1), TrafSafPR (6), Alarm (1), False Alarm (8), Fire (1), Hazardous Condition (1), Civil /FT (12), Suspicious Situation (9), Lost/Found Property (1), Missing Person (1) and General Non-Criminal (44).

Sexual assault awareness month set for April

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is pleased to announce that once again services have expanded and now include a Sexual Assault Program. The new program manager is Bonnie Reynolds.

Reynolds has been working to set up candle-lighting ceremonies in all four counties and possibly an information booth at Kirtland Community College. The fourth candle lighting will take place in Crawford County on April 30 at the Grayling City Park Pavilion at 7:30 p.m.

Dennis Troulers from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health has agreed to help with the ceremony. These ceremonies will help heighten awareness to the problem of sexual assault and celebrate those who have survived.

River House continues to work towards expanding and enhancing its services to meet the needs of the four counties that it serves — Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Oscoda.

If someone you know is in an abusive relationship, emotional, verbal, or physical, River House operates a crisis line 24 hours a day, seven days a week with collect calls accepted. Please call 517-348-8972 for help.

Celebration held for Girl Scout leaders

Role-modeling, teaching, empowering, listening, caring — this is what Girl Scout leaders provide to girls in area communities. Girl Scout leaders positively impact the lives of girls, they reinforce family values, they make a difference.

Girl Scout Leader's Day is celebrated every year on April 22. This special day was dedicated to the thousands of Girl Scout leaders — women and men — that serve as role models to young girls ages 5-17.

Nearly 9,000 girls in Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council's jurisdiction benefit from the hard work and dedication of Girl Scout leaders. Today's Girl Scout leader offers girls the ability to realize their dreams, develop self-reliance, share their talents and interests, conduct community service projects, explore career opportunities, and experience diverse activities.

It was founder Juliette Low's dream to provide a nurturing environment for girls to learn about the outdoors and experience new and challenging opportunities. Eighty-five years later, Girl Scouting is going strong with more than 50 million girls taking part in contemporary projects dealing with health and fitness, pluralism, literacy, child abuse prevention, career development and more.

"Girl Scout leaders remain the true role models for today's girl," stated Patricia Graff Arville, present of Mitten Bay girl Scout Council. "All Girl Scout leaders truly believe that character, conduct, patriotism and service are values for living and that every girl should have the opportunity to be a Girl Scout."

Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council currently serves 9,000 girls and 2,300 adults in the 21 counties of northeast Lower Michigan.

Register now for 4-H Garden Club

Come grow with us. Have you ever wondered why sunflowers grow so tall, or why potatoes have eyes, or why some vegetables grow on the plant and other grow under the plant? Find the answers to these questions and more.

The 4-H Garden Club will raise veggies, flowers, herbs, and fruit from seed. Boys and girls, ages 4 to 18, are welcome to join the club. Participation

will begin on May 1, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Please register at the Crawford County 4-H Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse by April 25. Those interested can call the 4-H Office at 348-2844 ext. 264.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Hooked on Phonics is available at the Crawford County Library.

The program starts with learning the alphabet, and includes vowel sounds, consonant sounds, sight words, reading exercises, beginning and ending sounds, diphthongs, combination sounds, silent letters, prefixes, suffixes and finishes with the reading review.

The seven booklets, eight cassettes, and nine flash cards check out for two weeks with a \$10 deposit.

Hooked on Phonics, Your Reading Power is the second set that continues

building reading skills.

Your Reading Power can be checked out for two weeks with a \$10 deposit.

Genealogy Program will be Tuesday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Ways of tracking family members, skills with forms, software, records and government agencies will be discussed.

For more details call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

VFW holds coloring contest

Recently the VFW Carl W. Borchers Ladies Auxiliary 3736 held a coloring contest for the third grade students of the Grayling and Frederic elementary schools.

The picture colored was in relation to gun safety. It depicted two children on a playground fleeing from a man that was holding a gun. The children of the three best pictures colored in each school was presented with monetary prizes.

The winners at Grayling Elementary were: first place, Mark Mikulen; second place, Heather Phillips; third place, Emilie Guardado. The winners at Frederic Elementary were: first place, Crystal Mills; second place, David Gilliland; third place, April Wheeler.

The Ladies Auxiliary had help from the teachers and principals who let them conduct this coloring contest.

Health Clinics Scheduled

District Health Department No. 1 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Please call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmentally Health Services.

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT:

Immunization Clinic: May 7, 12, 19, 21, and 29.

Family Planning: May 2, 6 and 20.

Medicaid Screening: None this month.

Premarital Class: May 13 and 21.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for information.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants, and children: May 8, 12, 21, 22 and 29.

WIC — Frederic Satellite Clinic: Call for information.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information any day.

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"Canadian Maritime" Thursday, April 24, 1997

THURS. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "SOUL SURVIVORS" suicide survivors support group @ Mercy Hospital Gallery Room, 6:30 pm. Call 348-1169 or 348-2236 for more information. • PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. Call Joell Gabriel @ 348-6389, for more information. • TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay @ 348-1398 for more information. • AP/GE FAMILY INVOLVEMENT NIGHT 6:30-7:30 pm. • VIKING BAND BOOSTERS meeting @ MS, 7 pm. • CRAWFORD COUNTY PRESCHOOL FAIR @ AP cafeteria, 7-8 pm. • TRAVEL & ADVENTURE SERIES "Canadian Maritime" @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm.
FRI. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAKE A SPRING STROLL through Hartwick Pines State Park.
SAT. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS 2nd STATE FORENSICS MEET @ Ann Arbor. • HS STATE BAND FESTIVAL @ Ludington. • PANCAKE SUPPER @ RLDS Church, 5-7:30 pm. • SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUPPER @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 6:15 pm. Bring a dish to pass. The Northern Lights Womens Barbershop Chorus will be providing entertainment.
SUN. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KINDERGARTEN CARNIVAL @ Frederic Elementary, 6:30-7:30 pm. • KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES. 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KINDERGARTEN CARNIVAL @ AuSable Primary, 6:30-7:30 pm.
WED. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West. Weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. for more information call Sandy, 348-5321. • ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary
Baptist Church

Gay School Videos

Robert H. Knight wrote an article exposing "A Gay Video For Schoolkids" in the April 7th issue of *The Weekly Standard*. This latest video in "progressive education" is called, *It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School*. The video producers are Helen Cohen and Debra Chasnoff, both are actively involved in promoting homosexuality. The theme of the video is Mother's Day at school with one class being introduced to a pupil's two lesbian moms. No father is mentioned. Teachers and children are shown discussing homosexuality and prejudice. All opposition to homosexuality is viewed as bigotry, while acceptance is viewed as reasonable.

It's Elementary has already been shown in some elementary and middle schools in San Francisco, New York City, Madison, Wis., and Cambridge, Mass. Carolyn B. Sheldon, president

of the American School Counselor Association calls it, "Essential viewing ... I can't recommend it highly enough." Yet, homosexuality is presented as "in your genes" and refusal to accept it is likened to racial or ethnic prejudice.

A 5th grade student remarked after seeing the video, "Some Christians believe that if you're gay, you'll go to hell, so they want to torture them and stuff like that." One scene explains how Nazis used pink triangles to distinguish homosexuals then put them in concentration camps. Students are told that about 13 percent of the male population and 7 percent of the female population are exclusively gay or lesbian. "More scientifically sound surveys estimate homosexuality at less than 2 percent for men and less than 1 percent for women." Our thanks to Robert H. Knight for the above information.

God wrote in Holy Scripture, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." (Leviticus 18:22) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither ... effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind ... shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." (Jude 1:7) God's Word is still Truth!

Pastor "B"

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Church Directory



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Frank and Blanche find the "senior citizen" scene a mighty happy one. Not just because of discounts and other thoughtful breaks. Rather it's that with children grown-up and grandchildren brightening every visit they can look back over the years with no regrets.

Maybe that's an exaggeration. Things don't always work out right. Dreams had to confront reality. But in the deepest relationships of life, Frank and Blanche truly have no regrets.

They're convinced the key has been Faith. Family life was built on a religious foundation. Children had the vital blessings of spiritual training at Church. Now the grandchildren are growing up with deep-rooted convictions.

Accept the Lord's help in raising your family!

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Sunday
Isaiah
11:1-16
Monday
Isaiah
12:1-6
Tuesday
Isaiah
25:1-12
Wednesday
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26:1-21
Thursday
Isaiah
32:1-20
Friday
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35:1-10
Saturday
Isaiah
55:17-25

First Baptist Church Of Frederic

Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society

209 First St. - Suite 103 -- Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop

Church 348-8885/Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Gaylord

Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Grayling Christian Fellowship
Pastor Leonard Hall
Full gospel, multi-cultural church
(517) 348-0149

Sunday 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seminars set on underground tanks

A series of statewide seminars for owners and operators of underground storage tanks runs April 17-30.

The seminars are sponsored by the Department of Environmental Quality's Underground Storage Tank Division, the Michigan Petroleum Association and the Service Station Dealers Association. They provide information concerning the December 1998 deadline for tank owners, liability, Risk-Based Corrective Action, and other topics. A question-and-answer session concludes each seminar.

There is no cost, and registration is not required. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as seating is limited. All seminars are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sessions are: April 17, Radisson Hotel, 100 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo; April 24, Double Tree Inn, 2700

Sheraton Drive, Novi; April 29, Holiday, 1951 U.S.-41 West, Marquette; and April 30, Holiday Inn, 2650 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling.

Contact Jane Rhoads at (517) 335-7217 for details about the sessions.

Support group to be held

Cindy Wachowiak will be facilitating the Living With Grief Workshop put on by Hospice of Michigan in Roscommon.

This workshop will be held at the Markey Community Baptist Church located on Flint Road. It will be held on Wednesdays for five consecutive weeks from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 23.

The purpose of this group is to become aware of the natural grieving process, and to allow yourself to express the anger, loneliness and other emotions that follow the death of a loved one. These groups are made possible through United Way funding of Roscommon and Crawford Counties and the First Congregational Church of Roscommon.

To register call Hospice of Michigan in Roscommon at (517) 275-8967 or 1-800-553-1978.

Local prayer day set

This year the National Day of Prayer organizers have announced a change in the annual event. The location for this prayer gathering is the Crawford

County building at the west end of Michigan Avenue rather than Grayling City Hall as in years past. They cited the traffic noise being the main reason for moving the event.

This gathering is a project for special prayer — prayer for moral rebirth in America. It involves people meeting in their communities and praying from 12:20 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. Last year the event was observed in thousands of cities across America. Local pastors are encouraging those who want to pray for the city and nation to attend.

Calvary Baptist Church

Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor

M-72 West

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ

Gordon French Minister

Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.

275-8613

Sunday Classes 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m. & 12 noon
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Reorganized Church

Of Jesus Christ

Of Latter Day Saints

Pastor Wayne Horton

Corner of North Down River Rd.
and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed

Rev. V. Schamp

415 Ohio North

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor

702 Peninsular 348-7657

Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m. (Oct - April)

7 p.m. (May - Sept.)

Sunday Mass 8 & 11 a.m. (Year-round)

9:15 a.m. (July-Aug.)

Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing 9:30 a.m.

Daily Masses 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday

Daily Worship

Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour

prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

Grayling Baptist Church

Affiliated with S.B.C.

Pastor Terry Colby

Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue

(517) 348-2557

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle

Pastor Lyke Stader

211 Shellbarger St.

Grayling, Mich. 348-5325

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Night 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Harvest Time Church of God

Pastor Fred Coates

506 North Birch St., Kalkaska

(616) 258-3448

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Luxerne Baptist

Pastor James Durfee

2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal

Rev. Robert Henley

M-72 West-Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Morning Praise 10:30 a.m.

(The second Sunday of each month)

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday nursery provided 10:30 a.m.

Adult Chor Practice (Monday) 6 p.m.

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BIKE PLATES — Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently showcased the new Great Lakes Splendor plate for motorcycles at Dave Bell's Capitol Harley-Davidson Dealership in Lansing. Shown here with Miller is Bell with his personalized "HMSTR" plate.

Special license plate now available for others

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced that the Great Lakes Splendor license plate is now available for motorcycles and trailers. This marks the first time Michigan has offered graphic plates for motorcycle and trailer use.

The license plate, which features a stunning sunrise over the Straits of Mackinac with the Mackinac Bridge in the foreground, is also available in a personalized version for cycles and trailers, with a maximum combination of five letters and/or numbers.

All 118,713 motorcycle registrations in Michigan expired on March 31. Motorcycle owners who wish to purchase the new Great Lakes Splendor license plate may do so at any Secretary of State branch office for a one-time fee of \$5, over and above all other applicable fees. Motorists are encouraged to show their current or expired registration to facilitate their transaction.

Since Jan. 2, more than 500,000 Great Lakes Splendor license plates have been sold.

A new motorcycle or trailer Great Lakes Splendor license plate can also be purchased by mail or fax when

renewing the annual registration.

Motorists who have already renewed their cycle or trailer registration can purchase a Great Lakes Splendor license plate without visiting a branch office by obtaining an order form through Fax on Demand or the Department of State's Home Page.

Motorists can request a form by Fax on Demand by telephoning 517/335/4FAX (4329). Using a Touch-Tone telephone and listening to the recorded message, request the Great Lakes Splendor order form (document 104) and enter the fax number where the form can be sent, anywhere in the United States.

To obtain an order form through the World Wide Web, access the department's Home Page at www.sos.state.mi.us and download an order form. Once the form is completed, it can be faxed back to the Department of State or returned by mail.

When ordering by fax, motorists must complete the credit card authorization for payment of the \$5 license plate fee. License plates will be delivered to the purchaser by mail.

Wolcott, Harland named PE award winners

It was recently announced that Arica Wolcott, daughter of Jeff and Tonya Wolcott, and Johnathan (Jory) Harland, son of Stephen Harland and Kimberly Fasel, were named United States National Award winners for physical education.

Both Grayling Middle School eighth graders were nominated by physical



Jory Harland

education teacher Cindy Jones.

The criteria for selection are as follows: academic performance, interest, aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude, cooperative spirit and dependability.

Both Grayling Middle School eighth graders were nominated by physical



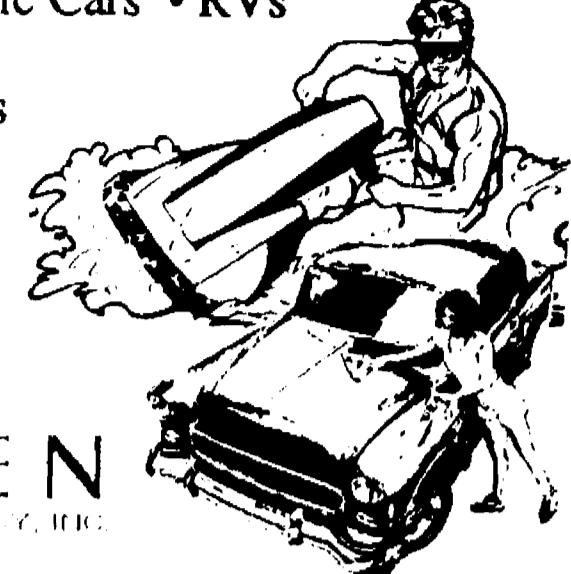
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us, snow is exhilarating: there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather - by John Ruskin.

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Blood pressure and sugars on April 24 from 11 a.m. to noon. Share pick-up at the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church at 1:30 p.m. on April 25 and Pantry Bingo at the Center at 1 p.m. Evening games after dinner on April 29 and our "Roarin' 20's" dance on April 29 at "Big Al's Place." Special announcement of the Center's Mother's Day dinner and dance on May 6. We will be serving cornish game hen and all the trimmings for a very gala affair. Call or stop by and make your reservations soon.

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun. (308 Lawndale - 348-7123 or toll

free 1-88-355-4500). Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you...you should be coming to us.

Join us for meals; we serve at noon and 5 on Monday thru Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday, soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. The price is a \$1.50 donation for seniors and their spouses, regardless of age and \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner:

April:
23 - Ham loaf/Liver and onions
24 - Brown Steak/Chicken Stir Fry
25 - Pork Chips/no dinner
28 - Swiss Steak/Herbed Chicken
29 - Beef Chop Suey/Baked Ham
30 - Turkey and Dressing/Roast Pork
May:
01 - Meatloaf/BBQ Beef
02 - Chicken Stir Fry/no dinner

FEMA recruits public affairs officers

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently recruiting public affairs professionals to join its cadre of people that provide critical information to disaster victims following Presidential Disaster Declarations, according to Valerie Bunting, FEMA director of Emergency Information and Media Affairs.

As part of the FEMA disaster response and recovery team, FEMA Public Affairs Disaster Assistance Employees serve as key staff members in Joint Information Centers located near disaster sites.

"It's our responsibility to ensure that disaster victims are quickly informed about the availability of federal assistance needed to begin the recovery process," Bunting said. "We are looking for individuals with backgrounds in journalism, public affairs, public relations, newspapers, television, radio, corporate public affairs, advertising, marketing,

marketing communications, emergency information, crisis communications or the Internet and World Wide Web for a variety of emergency information assignments."

Drawn together from a variety of technical and editorial fields, the cadre of FEMA Public Affairs Specialists serve as "civilian FEMA reservists" who work on an intermittent basis. They must be willing to travel to disaster sites often for extended periods of time. "FEMA reservists are really the backbone of our emergency operations," Bunting said.

For more information about becoming a FEMA Public Affairs Officer Reservist, call the FEMA recruiting hotline at 1-800-879-6076 or fax your resume to (703) 542-2484. Information is also available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fema.gov/fema/dae.html>. Send electronic mail to efma@fema.gov.

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Affordable housing is becoming a problem in Michigan

The challenge of providing affordable housing to Michigan residents is getting tougher, building experts said.

Federal, state and city/township regulations have made it increasingly difficult to provide affordable housing for low- and median-income families, according to Rick Delamater, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. Affordable housing is defined as housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a family's gross income on a monthly basis, including utilities.

"More and more people in Michigan are unable to afford the median price

of a home for their area," Delamater said. "The cost to build a home has risen dramatically in the past 10 years, partly due to land issues builders face with city and township officials. Dealing with government officials to begin a new neighborhood can take massive amounts of time and money. The builder has to recoup those costs when selling a home."

Fear of over-development has caused some city and township officials to become resistant to any

development, Delamater said.

"I understand concerns about over-development," said Jim Sturmer, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of the Grand Traverse Area. "But community officials need to recognize that their requirements for large minimum lot sizes, deep setbacks and massive road right-of-ways impact affordability. There are fewer working families in the community that can afford the increased cost of the home — and as a

result, the entire community suffers."

Nationally during the past 20 years, families have had an increasingly difficult time finding an affordable, and Michigan is no exception to this trend.

A recent study in northwest Michigan found nearly 50 percent of the area's residents cannot afford the median cost of a home. The median price of a home is the price midway between the least and most expensive home sold.

"It's a shame that so many working

families can't afford a home," said Sturmer, a member of the affordable housing task force that commissioned the study. "We're talking about hard working people saving to buy a home, investing in their future and their community."

"The gap between what people can afford and what is available is a real problem for many Michigan communities," said Delamater. "We must balance the need for affordable

housing with the desire for properly developed communities."

April has been designated as National New Housing Month. The Michigan Association of Home Builders is comprised of more than 11,000 member companies, providing service to more than 400,000 people in the home building/remodeling/construction industry. The Michigan Association of Home Builders also represents 36 local home builder associations throughout the state.

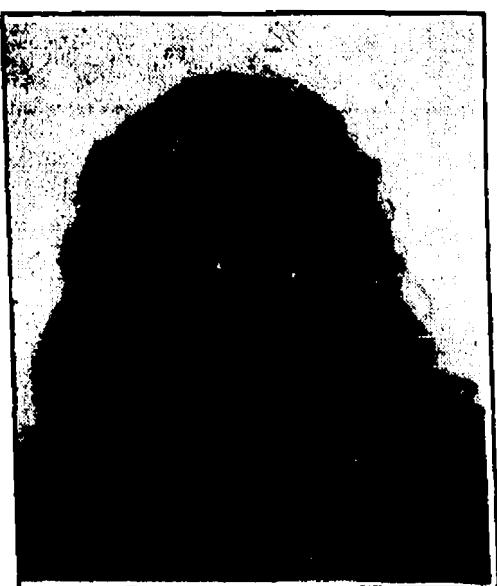
Engler commends area road commissions

Gov. John Engler commended county road commissions for doing a tremendous job this winter in keeping roads clear in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

"This is the second consecutive winter where record amounts of snow have fallen in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula," said Engler. "Day and night, 24-hours a day, road crews have worked tirelessly to keep roads passable. For that, I'd like to thank both county road commissions and the municipalities that have tackled this tough job."

Crandall joins real estate office

Stephanie Crandall announced that she has recently joined the real estate office of Charlene Scheer, with RE/MAX of Grayling a top producer in the Grayling Area. Crandall is a member of Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, the Crawford County Share Program and the VFW Auxiliary. Her husband, Thomas Crandall, is employed by DuBois Lumber Company and they have three children, who attend Kalkaska Public Schools. This new partnership will result in Charlene Scheer clients' properties being sold more professionally.



Stephanie Crandall

Horse Salve Eases Arthritis Pain

LOUISVILLE, KY. -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorse's legs, has now been approved by government researchers for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx®. ARTH-Rx comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

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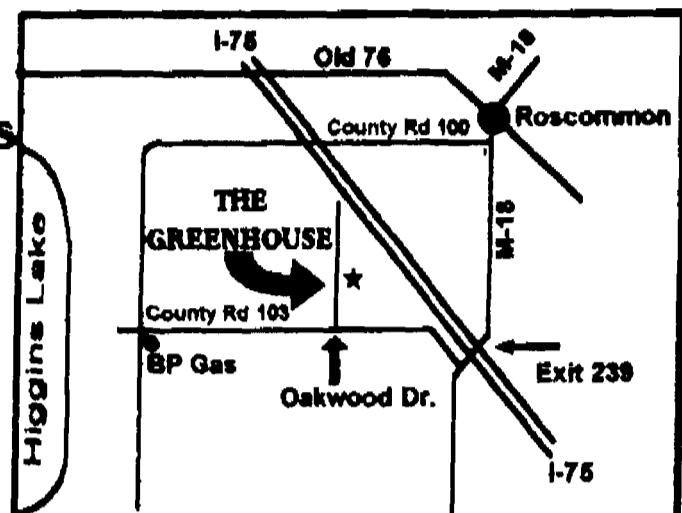
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The scholarship of \$152 will cover most of the room and board costs for a one-week session at the MacMullan

Conference Center in Higgins Lake. Courses offered are "Exploring Michigan's Natural Resources: Environmental and Outdoor Education Opportunities," July 6-11; "Environmental Education and Outdoor Science: Methods and

Concepts," July 13-18; and "Understanding Our Environment," July 27-Aug. 1.

The teacher selected for the scholarship will be responsible for an \$88 reservation deposit and tuition or audit fees from Central Michigan,

Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, Wayne State or Western Michigan University.

Information on applying for the scholarship is available by calling the conservation district office at (517) 275-5231.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

Widows are poorest of the elderly: A Social Security alert

Social Security statistics indicate that elderly widows as a group are the poorest of the elderly. They live longer, often outliving their savings; they are likely to earn less than men and thus have lower benefits; and are less likely to have worked and become entitled to their own benefits. Nearly three out of four older people living in poverty are women.

As a woman, how can you avoid this fate? While it is true that it will depend on many decisions you make over your lifetime, it may help to look at the decisions you make as a woman that may affect your Social Security protection.

For example, women are more likely to qualify for benefits on the basis of their husband's earnings than men are to qualify for benefits on their wife's earnings. These include wife's benefits, mother's benefits, widow's benefits, or a divorced spouse benefit. This means that women need to be aware of how Social Security treats them as workers, wives, widows, divorced wives, and mothers.

If you chose to be a homemaker, you are covered under Social Security through your husband's work. When

the family income is reduced because of his retirement, death, or disability, you may qualify for Social Security benefits at age 62, at any age if you have minor children in your care receiving benefits, or as early as age 60 as a widow, or from age 50-59 as a disabled widow. However, if you divorce after less than ten years of marriage, this protection is not available to you.

If you chose a career outside the home — about 60 percent of all women do — you earn Social Security protection of your own for yourself and your family. If you die or become disabled, your children get benefits until they're 18, or 19 if still in school. Your husband could also qualify for benefits on your earnings.

If you alternate between a career and homemaking, you need to be aware that you can maintain your full Social Security protection with a little attention. Any Social Security credits you earn remain on your record, and after ten years of work in which you have earned the maximum of four credits each year, you are fully insured for retirement, disability, and survivors

benefits. But for disability benefits, you also need to have recent work. For example, if you're over 30, you need the maximum amount of credits for five out of the last 10 years (20 credits).

Younger workers need less, as little as six credits for a year and a half of work under age 24.

If you qualify for benefits both as a spouse and as a worker, you get the higher of the two. That is, you get your own benefit plus the difference between the two. Whether to take a benefit on your own earnings or a spouse's benefit may be more complicated than that, however. For example, if you take a widow's benefit at the earliest possible age, age 60, it is reduced to 71.5 percent of the worker's benefit. But if you take it at age 65, you get 100 percent of the deceased worker's benefit.

The important thing is that you recognize the need to stay on top of your Social Security protection. For more information, call Social Security at its toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. As for the booklet "Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know."

SHARE helps the needy

SHARE Michigan (Self Help And Resource Exchange) is a program designed to help people help themselves. It permits those who give their time by volunteering service, to save on their monthly food budgets while contributing to the redevelopment of their communities.

For \$15 and two hours of volunteer service, a participant can receive a food package valued 30-50 percent below retail supermarket prices each month they choose to participate. Many participants purchase multiple packages.

The SHARE food package typically contains 15-18 items including five-nine pounds of meat, a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and staple items such as rice, beans or pasta. These are brand name products and are not surplus or commodity type foods that are usually associated with hunger programs. In addition, all food distributed by SHARE Michigan is purchased and the program is supported by the sale of the food package. Currently, SHARE Michigan distributes about 9,000-11,000 food packages per month to participants throughout Michigan, including the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula and northern Ohio.

Participants register for the program and pick up their food on "Distribution Day" at a local SHARE Host Site. Host Sites are operated by teams of trained volunteers who promote SHARE in their communities, coordinate the implementation of the community service component, and distribute the food packages.

Host groups are comprised mainly



VOLUNTEER TO HELP — These SHARE volunteers show what is given away by the local SHARE organization. The local SHARE pick-up is located at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. SHARE Michigan distributes from 9,000 to 11,000 food packages per month.

of locally based organizations such as churches of various denominations, senior citizen centers, tenant associations and other institutions serving the community. These host groups have proliferated mainly through "word of mouth" by the participants themselves.

In Crawford County, SHARE distribution and sign-up is the last Friday of the month (except holiday months) at the Reorganized Church of

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WITNESS SEARCH

I am looking for possible witnesses to a serious two-vehicle accident which occurred Saturday, February 22, 1997, around 9:50 am, approximately 1 1/2 miles west of Kalkaska.

The accident involved a red '89 Toyota pick-up truck and a tan '93 Chevy pick-up truck, which collided head-on on M-72 between Valley Road and West Kalkaska Road.

I wish to locate any witnesses to the accident, or individuals who happened upon the accident scene early-on. I am also interested in locating the man who was traveling west-bound on M-72 shortly before the accident, in a full-size blue pick-up truck, possibly a Ford. This pick-up truck had a larger two-way radio antenna. The driver of this truck may have seen an east-bound tan-colored pick-up truck pulling onto M-72 from the shoulder a short time before the accident occurred.

Anyone who witnessed the accident, OR who came upon the accident scene immediately afterwards, OR who observed either vehicle involved in the accident immediately prior to impact, is asked to call Paul at Research North, Inc., (616) 947-6300, or toll-free, 888-876-3030, between 8 am and 5 pm weekdays, ASAP.

Exchange made by area students to better understand another culture

The students at Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools recently had the privilege of participating in a cultural exchange with China. The objective of this exchange is to help children in Michigan and Michigan's sister state, Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China, better

understand and appreciate one another's culture.

The Sichuan International Children's Painting Exhibition in China invited 14 countries to submit children's artwork for consideration. In the U.S. only Michigan and Washington states are extended this invitation.

The Michigan 4-H Youth Programs is the coordinating organization for Michigan children's art. All work that receives special recognition becomes part of an exhibit that goes to Beijing, the capital of China.

Karla Paterson, the elementary art teacher, coordinated this eight-week program presenting information about China, as well as original pictures by Chinese children. Each of the students in art classes created an original picture to be considered for selection in this exchange.

Approximately 40 pictures were sent to Michigan State University for consideration for display in China. Pictures were displayed in the hall between Grayling Elementary and

AuSable Primary Schools.

To further appreciate China's many, including Michigan State University for the use of their China Dance Suitcase which consisted of actual Chinese rice straw hats, masks, costumes, posters, maps, pictures and ribbons. Nancy Vu generously shared her family's original clothing from China, family pictures, fabric and music for some of the performances. Phyllis Hamilton also allowed the use of her lovely Chinese dress and Mrs. Patterson assisted with the dance portion.

The program opened with a brief history of China and folk tale. The dance portion began with a Chinese Fan Dance performed by Sarah Kaiser and Emily Henion, all students then participated in the Chinese Friendship Dance (which was the favorite of many), two Chinese Stick Dances and a Chinese Ribbon Dance. The last event of the program was the "Lantern Festival Dance" which, as with many Chinese Dances, tells a story. The dance was performed by Sarah, Adam and Rachel Kaiser, Emily Henion and Jill and Matt Seager. The Lantern Festival is still celebrated in China.

This program would not have been

Workshop scheduled

The Other Children, a workshop to address the needs, concerns and strengths of brothers and sisters of children with developmental delays and chronic health care needs, will be presented May 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program will be held in the Grayling Holiday Inn. Call 1-800-292-9055 if overnight lodging is needed.

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE -- These Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary students participated in the exchange of cultures with China. The students are (front) Sarah Kaiser, (back from left) Rachel Kaiser, Matt Seager, Adam Kaiser, Emily Henion and Jill Seager.

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Loan given to electric co-op

A \$9.8 million loan from an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will allow Top O' Michigan Rural Electric Company to construct 246 miles of distribution line and make other system improvements.

Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) said that the terms of the loan from Rural Utilities Service call for repayment over 35 years at a variable interest rate not to exceed seven percent.

Edgar Doss, manager of the cooperative, said Top O' Michigan currently serves about 50,000 consumers and will add 3,500 new customers as part of its newly-funded work.

The co-op serves residents in the Michigan counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Wexford.

Register now for 4-H CPR class

The Crawford County 4-H, in conjunction with the Frederic Community Training Center, is offering two separate classes in CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). Both classes will provide two-year certification from the American Heart Association upon successful completion of the class.

The classes will be held in the basement of the courthouse and cost \$15 per participant. The first class will be on Friday, May 9, from 6 p.m. until approximately 10 p.m. This class size is limited to 15 participants.

The second class will be on Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m. The ending time of this class will depend on how many people are enrolled.

Everyone 12 or older is encouraged to take this training. To enroll in either class, please contact the 4-H office in the basement of the courthouse at 348-2844 ext. 264.



PRESENTED AN AWARD -- Don Geiss (third from right) is presented an award for his 13 years of service on the Crawford County Housing Commission Board of Directors by the board and staff. The board and staff are (from left) Terry McGregor, Sandra Brody, Ruth O'Mara, Bob Golnick, John Alef II and Jerry Balmes.

photo by Lisa Hofman



LOOK TO THE STARS -- Forty-seven multiage students from Mrs. Rauch-Smock and Miss Simmons class went on a field trip to Alma College to visit the planetarium. Students explored the solar system, the Hale-Bopp comet and several constellations. In addition to the planetarium, they also participated in a chemistry show. It was a great day of learning and exploration. This trip ended a two-month study on the solar system and related concepts.

Bill proposed to curb school violence

School officials will get one more weapon to fight violence in the classroom if a new proposal becomes law.

A bill by Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake) would permit school boards to temporarily expel students, if they physically assault a teacher, school staff or a school volunteer.

Stille said the problem of violence and discipline in the schools is growing and called his bill a first step to restore order.

"Discipline in schools has become greatly relaxed, and a message needs to be sent to the student body that this type of behavior needs to stop," he said.

The local school board could expel a student who intended to do harm from the public schools.

The expelled student would then attend alternative educational programs and could ask to return to his or her regular school after 180 days.

The proposal would cover sixth through 12th graders but doubts if Stille's legislation will eliminate the problem.

Straus (D-Detroit) said she is concerned about the violence against teachers but is equally worried about the fate of the students who initiate the assaults.

"There are kids who get kicked out of class today who are happy to get out of school," he said. "We want to show them that it's not an easy way out."

Stille said it's possible that a student's academic studies could be interrupted or become out of sync by attending the alternative learning programs.

However, he said the programs are monitored to make sure they're as close as possible to the student's original curriculum.

State Board of Education President Kathleen Straus agrees that violence has no place in a learning environment.

"Anger is a regular part of the day," he said. "Lots of students come to school and don't know how to deal with their anger."

Cannan said a better solution to the problem would be "conflict management" classes that would teach students ways to relieve their hostile feelings.

Even though a teacher or faculty member hasn't been assaulted while Cannan has been principal, he said the issue of teacher safety is always on his mind. He also said he would worry that anger would always be present if a student did initiate an assault.

"It's a tough call," he said.

Video kits available to 'Talk About Sex'

As part of an ongoing effort to help parents and kids have more comfortable and effective family discussions about sexuality issues, Northern Michigan Planned Parenthood has distributed free copies of the award-winning new videokit, "Talking About Sex: A Guide for Families," to 10 local libraries including the Crawford County Library, the Mancelona Family Resource Center, and the Otsego County Library.

"One of Planned Parenthood's primary goals has long been to provide resources to everyone who needs them," said Ruby Hoy Murawski, NMP's Education coordinator. "We are pleased to be working with the local libraries to make the video kit easily accessible to more families."

Designed for families with children ages 10-14, "Talking About Sex: A Guide for Families" takes an entertaining, age-appropriate look at human development and sexuality. The centerpiece of the kit is a 30-minute animated video that mixes information, humor, and serious topics to illustrate realistic family discussions. In the video, four families discuss topics such as puberty, relationships, pregnancy, abstinence, and contraception. Also included in the kit are a comprehensive resource guidebook for parents and an activity workbook for kids. The

resource book gives parents more in-depth information and helpful tips for continuing discussions.

"Especially in light of the complex choices our kids face today, parents need to be able to convey accurate information about sexuality to their kids within the framework of their family's values," said Murawski. "The kit can help parents become more accessible and knowledgeable information sources for their children."

The Video has won the endorsement of a wide range of influential groups, such as the WYCA, Advocates for Youth, the National Education Association, the American Social Health Association, and the National Council of the Churches of Christ. It has received honors from groups including the American Medical Association, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, the Health Information Resource Center, and the American Library Association. The kit has also been praised by noteworthy individuals such as the much-loved children's author Judy Blume and actor Whoopi Goldberg.

In addition to these opportunities to borrow it, the kit is also available for sale (\$29.95 plus shipping) by calling 1-800-669-0156. The video is closed captioned for the hard of hearing.

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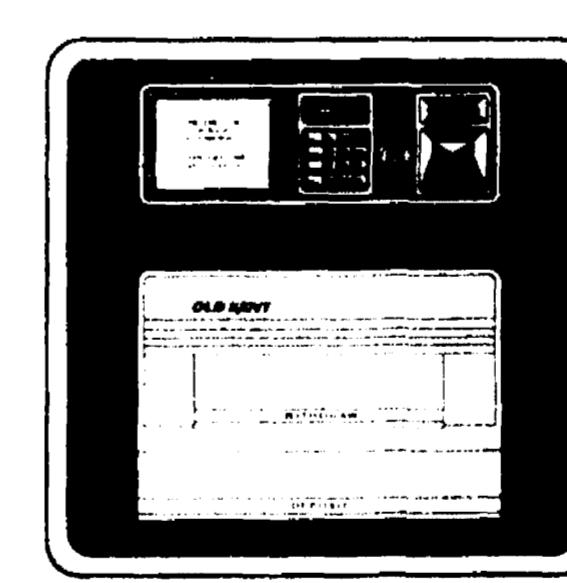
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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Jordan Jessica Stephens, 4-month-old daughter of Scott and Jennifer Stephens, was baptised by Sherry McGuffin at the St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday morning at the regular 10:30 service. Jessica Brown of East Lansing served as godmother. Jordan is the granddaughter of D.J. Brown.

Betty and Max Haslem spent a month in Florida visiting friends and staying with Jane Jorgenson at Titusville. Jane's mother, Mrs. Bea Bernard will be 96 years old on April 28. Anyone wishing to send her a card, her address is: 243 Avilez, Titusville, Florida, 32780.

We are still looking for information on World War II members who died during the conflict: Harold C. Floeter, Milton R. Gokee and Thomas E. Ingalls. Anyone with information call Bill Borchers at the Courthouse.

Guests of Bob and Fay Bovee from Saturday to Tuesday were their daughter and husband, Dena Bovee and Bruce Goll and their daughter, Doria, of Dublin, Ohio.

The old apartment building on Peninsular Street is taking on a very different look as the Shaws are getting the new siding on this spring and painting done on the front porch windows. The inside had been redone previously and they were waiting for warm weather. It was known as the Rasmussen building many years ago and had fallen into disrepair. Thank you for improving the neighborhood in the 200 block.

Don and Elsie Jansen furnished the cake for coffee hour.

AAL branch honored

Members of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) Branch 4207, Grayling, have been awarded a Gold Star rating by the fraternal benefit society in recognition of exemplary volunteer service to the community.

AAL's 9,594 branches are ranked in several performance categories. To achieve a Gold Star rating, branches annually must sponsor at least one AAL benevolent activity (fund-raiser, work project, etc.), conduct at least 12 meetings, sponsor at least one educational activity and one member awareness event, and comply with AAL's attendance, voting and reporting requirements.

AAL Branch 4207 is led by Bob Watson, president; Jo Anne Chambo, secretary; and Mary Watson, treasurer. These people are from Roscommon. A Grayling man, Paul Boerger, is the vice president.

The Branch 4207 AAL District Representative is Ronald Guinther, FIC, Grayling.

AAL, a fraternal benefit society based in Appleton, Wis., offers volunteer service opportunities and a variety of insurance and retirement products to its 1.7 million members nationwide.

Telemarketing scams cause consumers grief

Despite improvements in the Telemarketing Sales Rule, in effect December 1995, telephone con artists continue to bilk consumers out of an estimated \$40 billion a year, says Carol Kurth, Education coordinator of Credit Counseling Centers, Inc., a nonprofit family financial counseling agency.

On the first anniversary of federal rules designed to pull the plug on telemarketing fraud, Credit Counseling Centers, Inc. along with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Better Business Bureaus and other civic organizations have banded together to help consumers become even more aware of the telephone scams out there. The FTC estimates that as many as 80 percent of telemarketing fraud victims are older people who may be unknowing, vulnerable, and at a lower income level.

With National Credit Education

Week scheduled for April 20-26, it seems to be an excellent time to remind both the wary and unwary consumer about phone calls requesting credit card numbers, advance payments with no follow-through, vacation scams and the myriad number of sweepstakes requesting more than the price of a postage stamp.

Here are some of the most common scams peddled on the phone:

Prize offers: You usually have to do something to get your free prize, such as buy products you don't really want or give your credit card number "just for verification."

Crossborder phone calls: You get a pager, telephone answering machine, or e-mail message urging you to call a number in 809 or other unfamiliar area code. The call may claim to concern an overdue account of sick relative. In fact, the call is a fraud. You're being asked to call a pay-per-call service in the Caribbean, similar to a 900 number, with charges that could top \$25.

Travel packages: Free or low cost vacations can end up costing you a bundle. Often the promoted travel deal requires you to pay hidden charges, for either an expensive hotel room or for the full cost of travel for a second person. The FTC recommends you buy vacation travel only from a business you know.

Investments: People lose millions of dollars to "get rich quick" schemes that involve gemstones, rare coins, oil and gas leases, interactive TV licenses, or other business opportunities.

Recovery room ploys: If you've fallen prey to any of the above scams, you could get a call to get back or "recover" the money you've already

lost. Quite often this comes from "credit repair" companies who claim they can erase or change accurate negative information from your credit report. And—of course—this comes at a cost.

How can you protect yourself from falling for a telemarketing scam? Mrs. Kurth advocates the following: don't buy from an unfamiliar company; ask for—and wait until you receive—written information about the offer; check out unfamiliar companies or suspicious offers with officials; don't be pressured into a decision; and don't give your credit card or checking account number to unfamiliar companies.

If an offer sounds a little too fishy, or if you have been victimized by a fraudulent telemarketer, contact the National Fraud Foundation Center at 1-800-876-7060. Persons may also call the State Attorney General's Office, the local Consumer Affairs office, or the local Better Business Bureau.

Credit Counseling Center, Inc. offers a handout entitled "Telephone Fraud Is Against The Law!", available on request. This briefly outlines some of the protections under the new rule.

Contact the Education Department at (810) 553-5400 for your free copy or write to: Education Department, Credit Counseling Centers, Inc., at 3505 Country Club Drive, Suite 210, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. The Better Business Bureau offers a leaflet called "Tips On—Avoiding Telemarketing Fraud" available by contacting the local BBB office.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in Washington DC also has pamphlets about the Telemarketing Law.

Subcommittee asked to support timber program

Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Minnesota) asked a House subcommittee to restore funding to provide enough forest service personnel to administer timber sales and a long-term planned forest management agreement in the Hiawatha National Forest.

In testimony before the House Appropriation Committee's Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee, Stupak said such sales were needed to support the region's economy and to support local units of government, which otherwise would need special appropriations authorized by Congress in lieu of the lost timber sales revenue.

Stupak noted that, despite a planned increase in timber sales in the Hiawatha National Forest, from 70 million board feet per year to 131 million board feet per year over 50 years, there actually has been a 32 percent reduction in the availability of timber sales from 1993 to 1997.

Not only are forest products the main industry in the First Congressional District, Stupak said, but the continuation of timber sales in a management plan is essential to long-term health of the forests.

"This is not to say we should ravage our forests for the sole purpose of economic gain," Stupak said. "I believe that we can find a balance to ensure the future health and productivity of our

forests, while also providing jobs and the many forest products and services that Americans expect today."

He also told the subcommittee that increased funding is needed to help leverage private and state funds to develop Keweenaw National Historical Park in the First Congressional District.

Stupak offered support for the president's budget request of \$2.5 million for Isle Royale, \$1.3 million for Pictured Rocks and \$2.5 million for Sleeping Bear Dunes, three other national parks in his district.

In addition, he asked for added funding for expanded parking at the Sleeping Bear Dunes, saying that, with the National Park Service's current move towards user fees, visitors are necessary for the survival of the park.

Stupak said the administration's request of \$280,000 for Keweenaw should be increased to \$600,000 to provide additional rangers, technical assistance and preservation grants for one of the nation's newest parks.

This increase in funding would have large paybacks for the park, which commemorates the Upper Peninsula's copper mining heritage. "Keweenaw is unique in that it requires two dollars of state and local matching funds for every federal dollar that is received," Stupak said.

In other testimony, Stupak asked the subcommittee to act on his request to use funding previously authorized for a new lakeshore road in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to be used instead to upgrade an existing county road which provides access to the park. The change would limit damage to the park and save about \$5 million, he said.

Stupak also asked the subcommittee to provide funding for the Purchaser Road Credit Program, which is zeroed out in the administration budget. This program compensates loggers for road construction in national forests, and allows roads to be built for logging, fire-fighting and recreational uses. "Hikers, mountain bikers, skiers, snowmobilers and hunters are just a few examples of those that benefit from forests roads," Stupak said.

Adopt a provision to begin the process of identifying and capping abandoned mines on non-federal and non-tribal lands was another statement made by Stupak to the subcommittee. Noting that two young people have died in recent years after falling into abandoned mineshafts, Stupak said Congress has "a responsibility to prevent such loss of life and to eliminate the threat these uncapped mines pose to our citizens."

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Make-up of parks commission to be determined

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Although Crawford County's newly established parks commission is still in the development stage, county officials are trying to make the commission a county-township coalition.

The Crawford County Parks Commission was established earlier this year by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The proposed purpose of the parks commission is to get all of the parks together under one commission and to provide for a better chance of acquiring state land for local governmental use.

Two county commissioners were appointed to head up the parks

commission and get the process going. Commissioners Bob Smock and Lynette Corlew were appointed as co-chairs of the parks commission at the April 15 county board meeting.

Smock and Corlew are going to study the situation and make proposals to the county board, said County Chairman Bruce Bretzke. Their proposals will be taken up by the entire board of commissioners in order to set up the parks commission.

"This is still in the birthing stage," Bretzke said. "We are looking at possibly putting a representative from each township on the parks commission. We are going to get input from the township for the commission."

Bretzke pointed out that the county wants to work with the townships in this matter. He said this will get the local bodies of government working together.

One example of the county and the townships working together involves Crawford County and Grayling Township, Bretzke said. Grayling Township and the county are attempting to acquire state land for a township park with the assistance of State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling).

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners also went through the process of filling some vacant positions on various county committees.

Two appointments were made to fill

the two open positions on the Housing and Rehabilitation Committee. Commissioner Kathy Black and Terry McGregor were appointed to the committee.

John Alef II will be the new person on the committee of the Economic Development Fund. The appointment is to a term which expires on April 29, 2001. Kenneth Lademan was appointed to the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term which expires on Dec. 29, 2000.

Two appointments were made to the Planning Commission. Shirley Schmoeck will serve for a term expiring on Dec. 29, 1998, and William Coy will serve for a term expiring on Dec. 29, 2000.

ROSCOMMON CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION (R.C.R.A.) SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

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OBITUARIES

Cletis Spears

Cletis Spears, 79, of Sebring, Florida, formerly of Roscommon, died February 7, at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Spears was the Beaver Creek Supervisor for eight years.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Lillian; daughters, Joyce and husband Howard Carson of Roscommon, Virginia; and husband Gerald Gala of Cary, North Carolina. Carol and husband Andrew Fredlund of Naples, Florida; sons, Michael and wife Connie of Naples, Florida, and Harold and wife Darlene of Tacoma, Washington; as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m. at the VFW in Roscommon (across the street from the Post Office).

William E. Bond

William E. Bond, 73, of Grayling, died April 18, at the Meadows of Grayling.

Mr. Bond was born on August 7, 1923, in Johannesburg to George J. and Sarah A. (Brown) Bond.

He was a resident of Frederic since the 1960's. He was employed in the construction industry and also drove a Dial-A-Ride bus in Crawford County after his retirement from construction.

Mr. Bond was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and his parents, George J. and Sarah A. (Brown) Bond. He is survived by several friends.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 21, 2 p.m., at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel of Grayling.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society are suggested.

Exemption on tips passed

State Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City) voted for a bill that will provide needed tax relief for those who earn tips for a large part of their income. The senate approved Senate Bill 208 by a 34-4 margin and it now proceeds to the House of Representatives for consideration.

The legislation stipulates that up to \$10,000 of tip income would be exempt from state income tax, resulting in up to a \$440 net increase in take-home pay.

"Exempting workers from tip income will help thousands of people who are struggling to make a living," McManus said. "In northern Michigan, for example, there is a concentration of service sector employees in the tourism industry who will benefit from the tip exemption. I supported this proposal for the sake of those folks."

Cards of Thanks

Many sincere thanks to one and all who helped make my 60th birthday so memorable. What a surprise it was for me when my daughter, Donelle and her husband James, my son Donald and his wife Denise, suggested all of us go out to eat. After we arrived at the Holiday Inn there were twenty people seated at a beautifully set table, to help me celebrate. To see all my friends who started to sing Happy Birthday was wonderful. Some came as far as Ludington, Muskegon and Warren; I received many wonderful gifts. Thank you to the people who sent flowers to the house. I will treasure this evening for as long as I live. I love you all.

Sincerely,
Mrs. D. Bentley

Location picked for raceway

Continued from page 1A

Phil Parmelee, the lead promoter of the Edges Raceway, has said that he wants to have the community's support before going through the process of attempting to obtain the option on the state land.

In the press release from the raceway task force, the members of the group stated they will be releasing an opinion about the Edges Project in the next few weeks. The task force is made up of Schneider, Fred Fedak, county commissioner Kathy Black, Frederic Township board member Mike Girard, banker John Alef and attorney William Carey.

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The Grayling Uptown District Association and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all of the wonderful people and the generous businesses who participated in making Grayling Pride Day, held in conjunction with Earth Day and National Volunteer Appreciation Week, a success. It worked because all those involved jumped in with ideas, services, contributions and physical labor. We hope to build on the idea in future years. A special thanks goes to the following: A.H. Rental & Repair, Citizens Bank, City Environmental, City of Grayling, The Road Commission for Crawford County, Michigan Department of Transportation, Northern Power Sweeping, St. Francis Thrift Shop, Gannon Broadcasting, Glen's, Lange Vending, Reliable Supply, Grayling Rotary Club, The Avalanche, McDonald's of Grayling, Diversified Building Systems, Fick & Sons, Crawford AuSable Schools, Camp Grayling Officers Club, Carl Hatfield, Grayling Area Visitors Council.

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Pvt. Jason M. Duggar, son of Donald Duggar of Roscommon, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Duggar successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Duggar and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Duggar spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close-order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Duggar and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Duggar and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Duggar joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1996 graduate of Roscommon High School.

For further information, call (517) 348-3708 or 1-800-628-5820.

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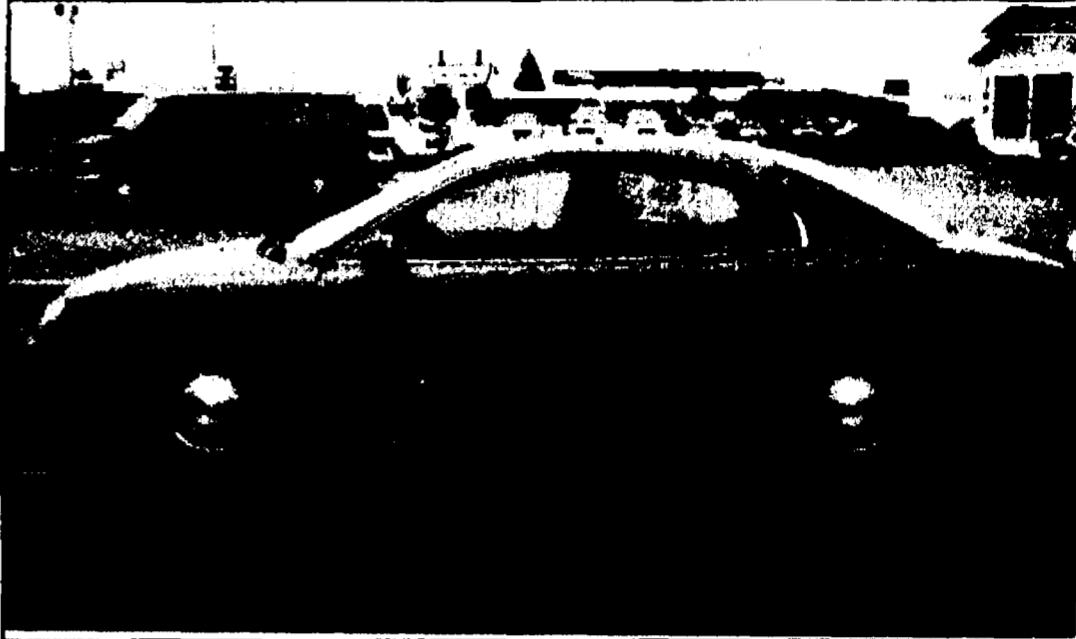
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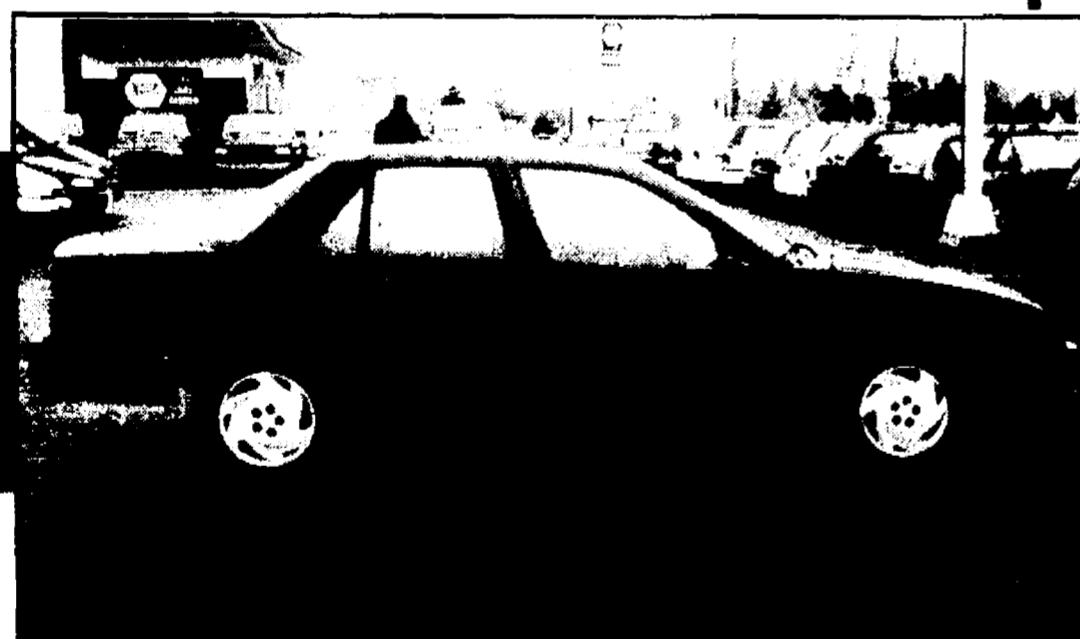
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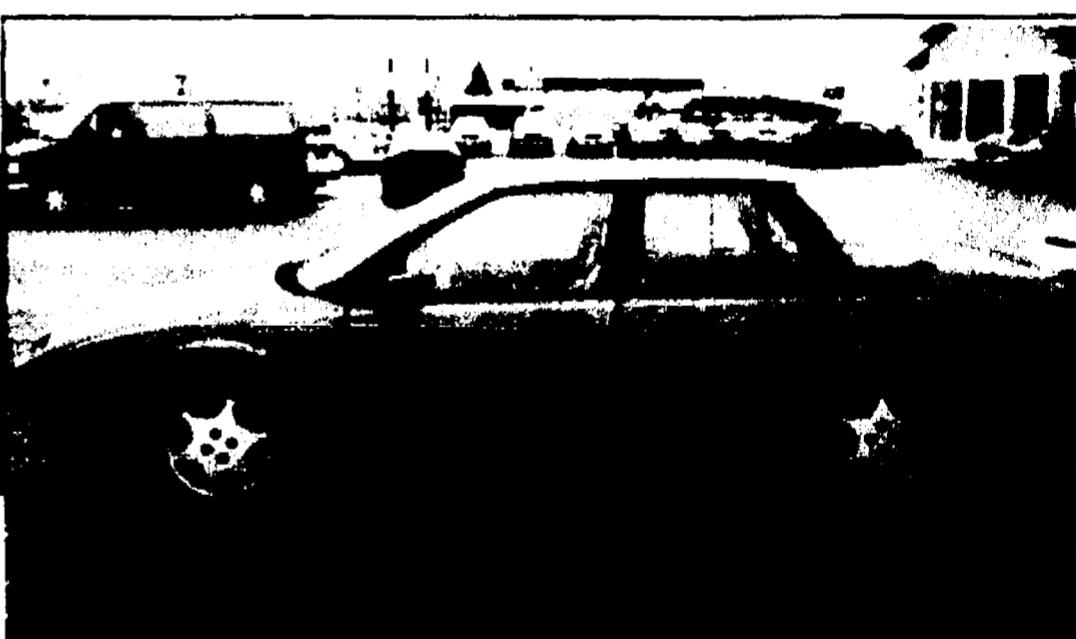
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NOTES NORTHERN

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 24, 1997

Bodybuilders compete locally

The first Northern Michigan Natural Bodybuilding Championships were held at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Saturday, April 19.

The overall winner in the women's division was Mika Norman. The overall winner in the men's division was Jeremy Wells.

In the women's lightweight division (up to 114.5 pounds) first place was captured by Norman and second place was taken by Nancy Caperton. Caperton also won the Best Poser award.

In the women's heavyweight division Dulcy Goodale won first place.

In the men's masters division Larry Ross, 40, out of West Branch won. Charles VanBuren, 50, from Grayling, placed second. Frank Bongiorno placed third. He was followed by 64-year-old Houghton Lake resident Ray Johns.

The men's lightweight division (up to 154.25 pounds) was won by Richard Rennett. Bongiorno placed second. Frank Richey placed third.

In the men's middleweight division (154.5 to 176.25 pounds), Wells placed first and won the Best Poser award. Joe Riddle of Grayling came in second, followed by Ross and VanBuren, who

placed third and fourth respectively.

The men's light-heavyweight division (up to 198.25 pounds) was won by Bill Mathers. Brian Larson and Chad Noffsinger both of Grayling, placed second and third, respectively. Wadell Jay Green won the men's heavyweight division (over 198.5 pounds).

The judging was based on symmetry, muscularity and posing.

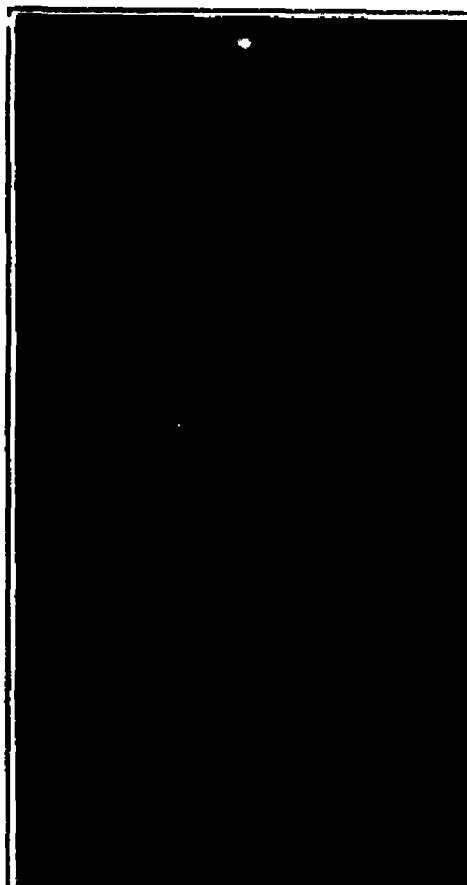
Symmetry is judged as the equal development of the different parts of the body and the balance of the various muscle groups in relation to each other.

Muscularity is judged considering the thickness, size and shape of the muscles. Of special importance are overall separation and definition of the muscles, as well as the absence of body fat and fullness of muscle tissue.

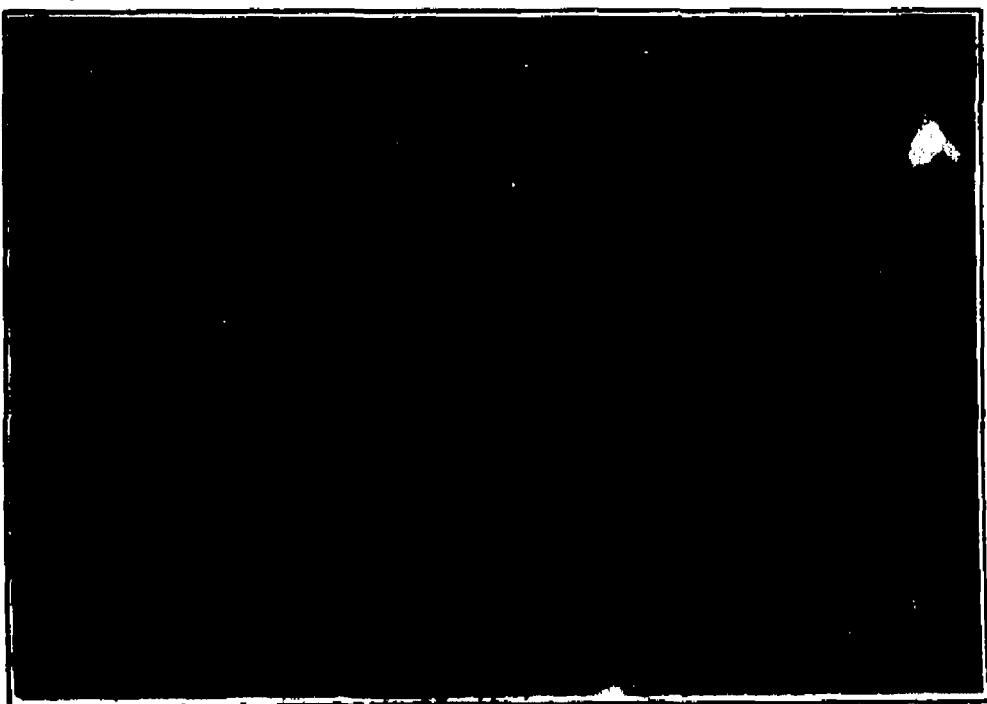
The posing presentation is the competitors chance to display his or her body type to their best advantage. The overall routine is scored on uniqueness, display of balance and excitement.

Along with the bodybuilding competitors two guest posers were on hand.

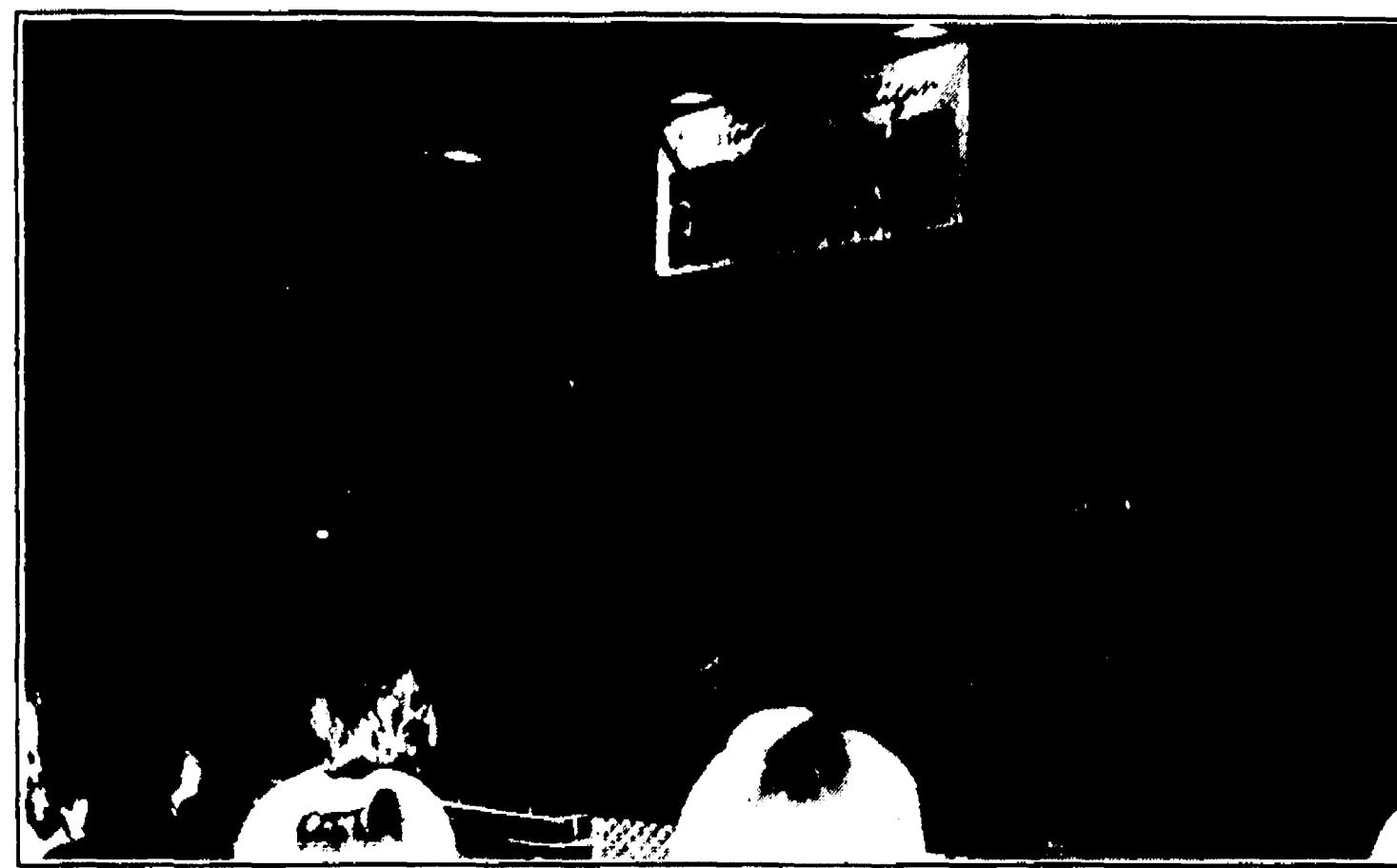
Joe Ferrigan, a state competitor from Grayling and Mr. USA, Adam Schlechter, both posed for the audience.



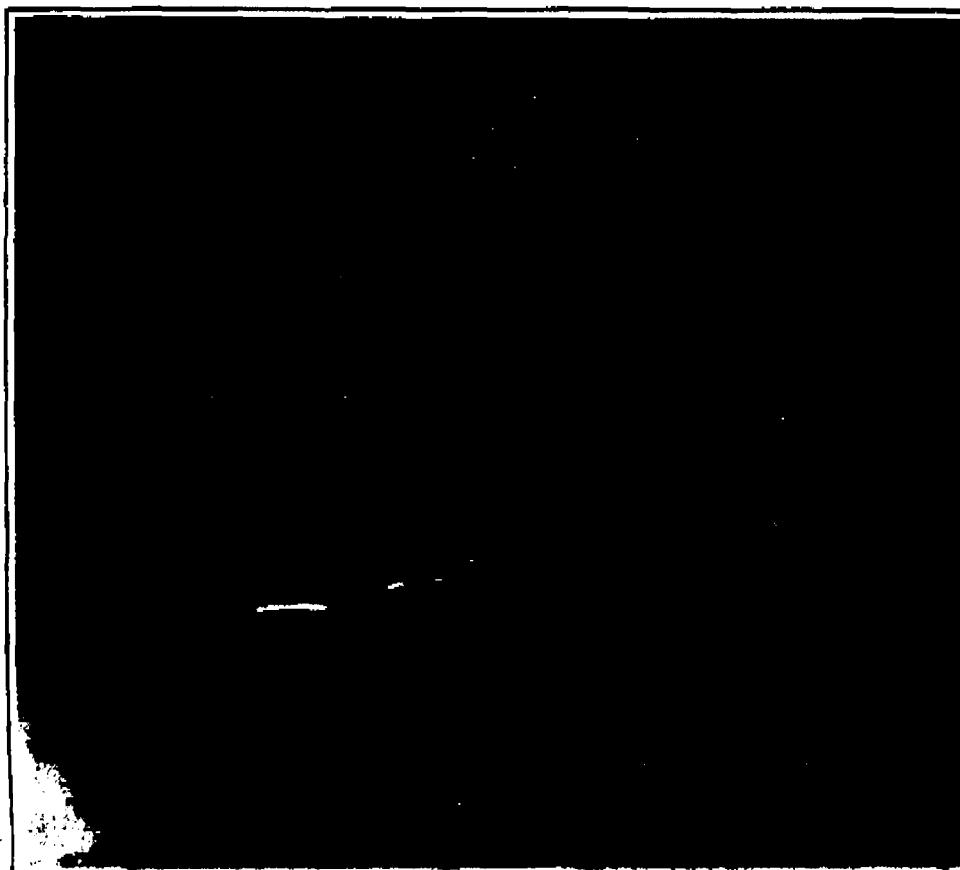
POSING -- Grayling resident Charles VanBuren poses during the Mens Masters division. VanBuren placed second in the Mens Masters division and fourth in the Mens Middleweight division.



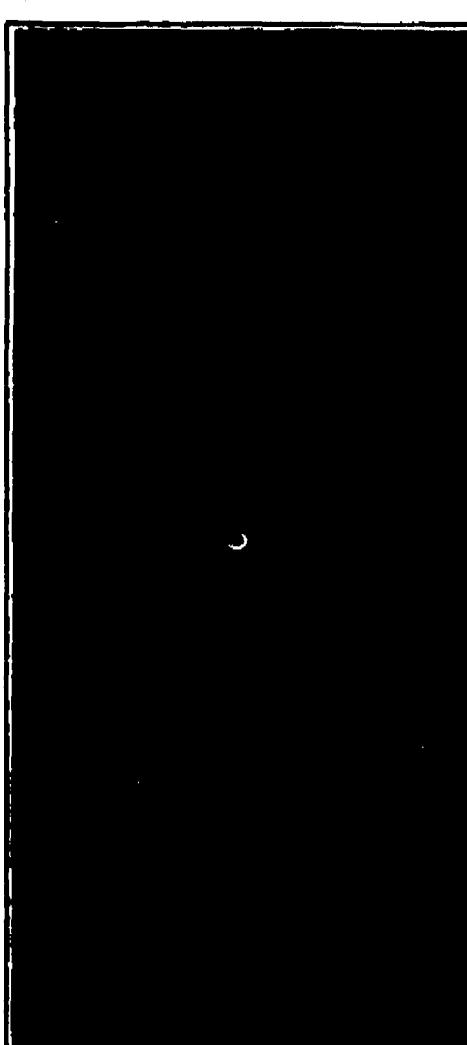
MASTERING THEIR SPORT -- Participants in the Mens Masters division of the bodybuilding championship show the audience, as well as the judges, their best side chest. The participants are (from left) Charles VanBuren, Larry Ross Jr., Ray Johns and Frank Bongiorno.



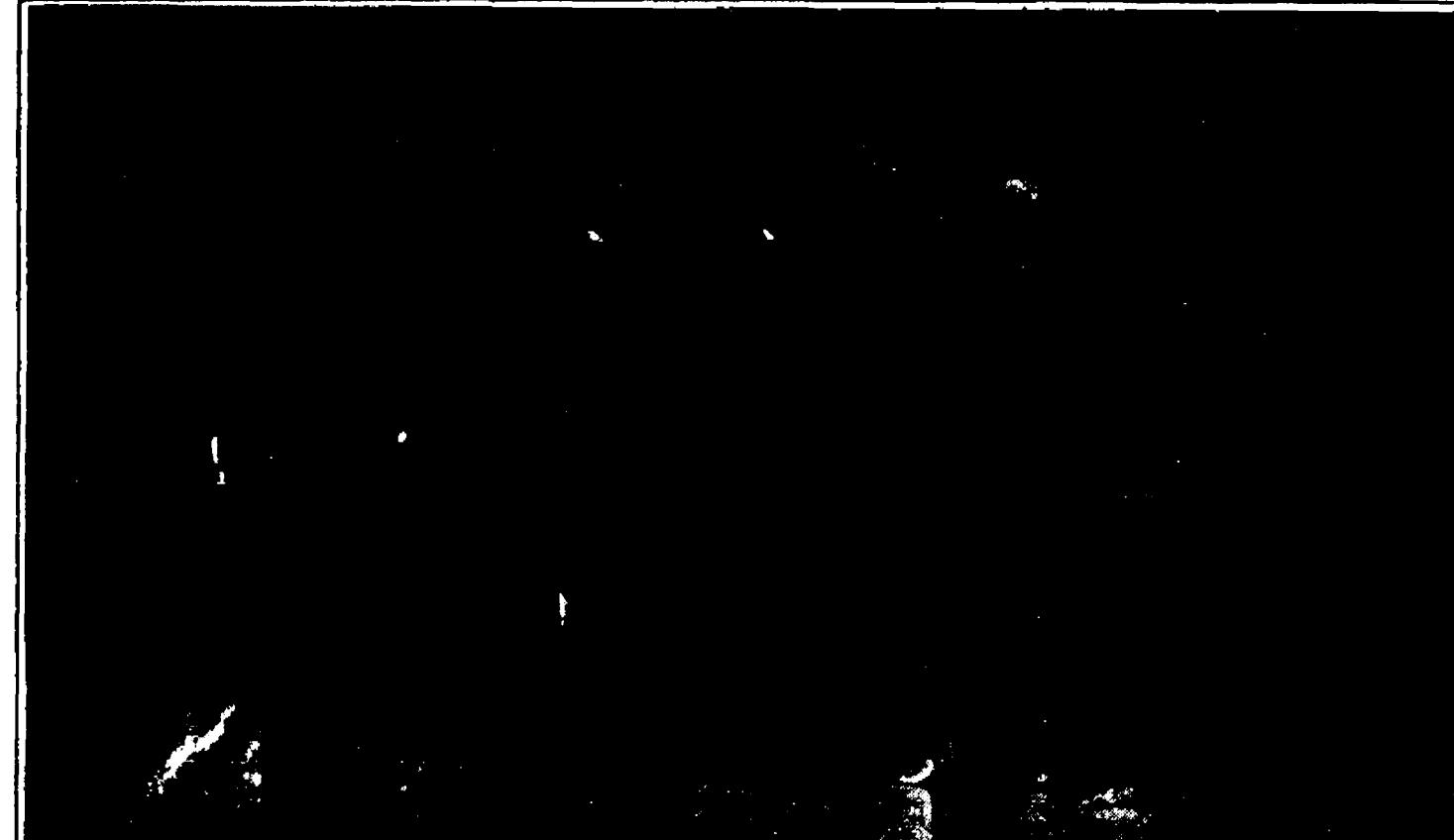
BODYBUILDING PARTICIPANTS -- The participants in the first ever Northern Michigan Natural Bodybuilding Championship are introduced to the crowd. The championship was held at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.



BEST POSER -- Nancy Caperton, 29, participates in a posing routine at the first ever Northern Michigan Natural Bodybuilding Championships. Caperton was the winner of the women's Best Poser award.



SECOND PLACE -- Joe Riddle, Grayling, poses his way to a second place finish in the men's middleweight division at the bodybuilding championships.



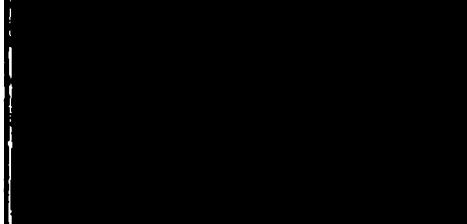
BEST POSERS -- Members of the mens division at the Northern Michigan Natural Bodybuilding Championship show a variety of poses for the contest judges.



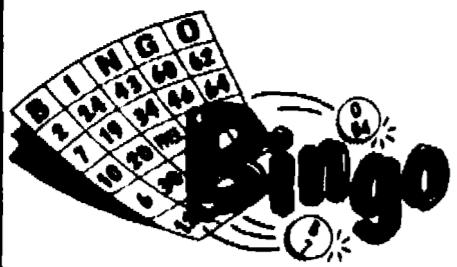
SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS -- Mr. USA Adam Schlechter signs an autograph for Jessi Riddle. Schlechter signed autographs during the intermission at the Northern Michigan Natural Bodybuilding Championships.

Photos by Lisa Hofman

GUEST POSER -- Grayling resident Joe Ferrigan performed a posing routine for the audience. Ferrigan is a state bodybuilding competitor.



MOST MUSCULAR -- Jeremy Wells (left) and Larry Ross Jr. show the judges the most muscular part of their bodies. Wells won the middleweight division, as well as the Best Poser and Overall awards. Ross won the men's masters division and placed third in the middleweight division.



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scored two runs.
Aaron Perrin went one-for-two from
the plate.

The Grayling High School boys
varsity baseball team showed signs of
playing inside during their first week
on the diamond.

The Vikings traveled to Roscommon
to take on the Bucks who had two
games under their belt on Tuesday,
April 15.

The Vikings took an early 2-1 lead
and had chances to extend the lead, but
a few put outs at home plate on passed
balls and the fact that the Vikings left
nine men on base in the first three
innings hurt them.

The Vikings were also hurt
defensively in the last couple of innings
and allowed 10 unearned runs and
gave up four errors.

The Vikings fell in the early game,
13-3.

Eddie Bayham was one-for-three
at the plate. Ben Haskel was also one
for three.

Nick Harmer went three-for-three
at the plate and hit two doubles and

scored two runs.
Aaron Perrin went one-for-two from
the plate.

Eddie Bayham pitched the entire
game and, according to head coach
Fred Wolcott, he pitched well, but the
defense did not support him.

The second game was a turn around
for the Vikings who fought with the
Bucks throughout the game and with
some good base running and effort the
Vikings were able to gain a 5-4
advantage going into the bottom of the
seventh inning.

Unfortunately for the Vikings the
Bucks came back with a walk, single
and an error on the Vikings to score
two runs and pull off the 6-5 victory
over the Vikings.

The Vikings traveled to Lake City
on Thursday, April 17 and battled
through both contests.

In the first game the Vikings broke
out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning
behind some nice hitting by Jerry
Roman, Eddie Bayham and Josh
Schoen.

The Vikings added a run in the
second when Jerry Roman singled and

Eddie Bayham doubled to bring
Roman home.

The Vikings had more opportunities
but did not capitalize.

The Vikings also had some good
pitching from starter Eddie Bayham
who went three and two-thirds innings
before Aaron Perrin came in for relief.
Perrin came in and struck out four
batters in a row. Between Perrin and
Bayham the Vikings had 10 strike
outs.

The Vikings gave up four runs, but
were ahead 5-4 going into the last
inning.

Perrin struggled walking two batters,
but the Vikings came back to get two
outs.

With two on and two out Perrin
again walked two consecutive batters
which tied the score.

The next batter got a single and the

winning run scored. The Vikings lost
6-5.

The Vikings seemed to continue to
struggle in the next game and got
down 6-0 going into the top of the
sixth inning.

The Vikings showed some real heart
by fighting back and taking a 7-6 lead
behind some good hitting Eddie
Bayham and Josh Schoen.

The Vikings last inning trouble
continued when Lake City to bat.

The Vikings committed two of its
game high seven errors and also gave
up two singles to allow two unearned
runs to cross the plate. The Vikings
lost 8-7.

"It is a tough way to start with three
heartbreaking losses. We could easily
be 3-1 instead of 0-4," said Wolcott.

"Our pitchers have performed well
except for some walks in the first Lake
City game, but overall they have done
their job," Wolcott said.

"We need to capitalize more often
and leave less men on base," Wolcott
said.

"We need to improve on defense
and quit committing so many errors.
Errors are the reason why we lost
some games," Wolcott said.

"The team needs to gain some
confidence which will help us win the
close games," Wolcott said.

The Vikings hosted Whittemore-
Prescott on Monday and Ogemaw
Heights on Tuesday.

The Vikings travel to Gladwin on
April 25 and host Tawas on Tuesday,
April 29 at 4 p.m.

State wrestling champion Davis to attend Muskegon College

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

Grayling High School state
wrestling champion at the 125-pound
class Eddie Davis, son of Beth Davis
and Dan Canfield, has decided to take
his wrestling talent to Muskegon
College.

Davis is going there to wrestle, but
most importantly he is trying to reach
his goal of becoming an elementary
school teacher.

Davis started wrestling in seventh
grade, but after a few tries he did not
like it and decided it was not the sport
for him. He decided to give it a try
again in ninth grade and realized that
he could be successful as a wrestler.

Davis was a very successful wrestler
throughout his career and going 41-9
in his junior year and making it to the
state tournament proved he had the
skills to compete.

"My goal was to win state and I felt
it was reachable because I made it to
state as a junior, but did not place and
so this time I wanted to improve on my
performance," Davis said.

Davis said his toughest match of the
year was the semifinal match in state
competition.

"I was down 5-0 in the last period
and came back to win the match in
overtime," Davis said.

He felt more confidence in the state
title match because he was wrestling
against the third place finisher in the
regional meet and Davis was the first
place winner.

"I did not take it for granted, but I

STATE CHAMPION -- Eddie Davis, senior at Grayling High
School, shows off his numerous wrestling medals. Davis will be

photograph by Craig Hofman

director Mitchell Rosecrans.

"Eddie can accomplish anything he
wants due to the fact that he has strong
obtainable goals in life and has support
and guidance from his parents. Eddie
has represented Grayling High School
well," Rosecrans said.

Lake. They added another score in the
second half with a goal by Brian
Pudvan, assisted by Steve Janssens.

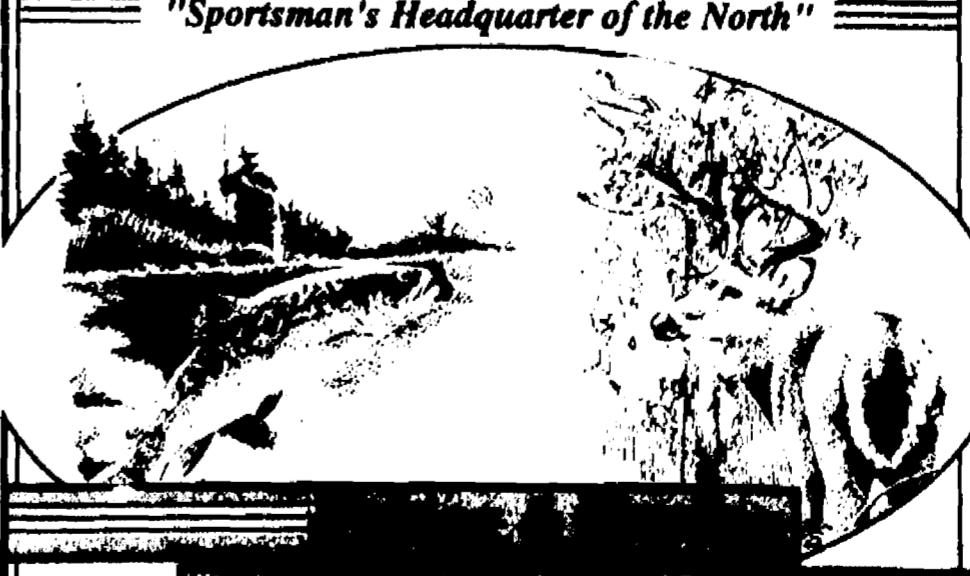
The second game of the day with
Houghton Lake ended in a 1-1 tie.
United's score came in the first half
from a defender's own goal kick.
Intense pressure from Matt Collins
created the error that led to the goal.
Matt Kleinhuijen, Jeff Wilson and
Andy Grafenauer shared the
goalkeeping duties in the first game,
with Grafenauer and John Davis in the
net for game two.

Young players begin soccer season

The NMC United U-14 Boy's Travel
Soccer Team played their first games
Sunday at Elk Rapids. The team roster
is made up of players from Gaylord,
Bellaire, Central Lake and Grayling.
Josh Petrie represents Grayling on the

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This coming Sat. April 26th marks the opening of trout season at last!! It seems like we have been waiting forever for this to come. However, the rivers are in fairly good shape and if we don't get a lot of rain this week, it should be a good opener. We hope the sun will come out and warm the water just a little bit then we should have some Hendrickson and Stone Fly hatches for the fly fisherman. Also, your streamers should work well. For the angler who likes to use bait, night crawlers are the old stand by but many anglers in recent years have started to use minnows. When allowed to float down through the large holes, they work very well!! Of course, a Mepps or Panther Martin Spinner cast up stream with a slow retrieve always work well.

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deadline is May 16.

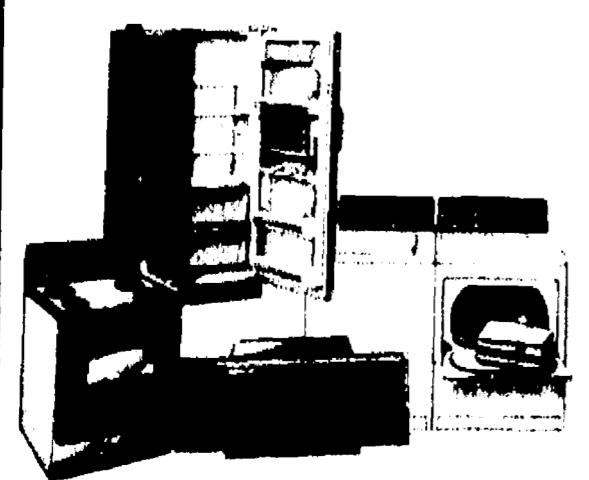
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Soccer shows signs of improvement

After getting blown out in the first two games of the season and their history, the Grayling Vikings girls' soccer are already showing signs of improvement.

The Vikings lost a close game against Ogemaw Heights. Grayling also kept the game close against Petoskey for the first half before the opponent pulled away. These games which took place last week were the third and fourth games in the history of high school girls' soccer at Grayling High School.

The coach of the Vikings is Jim Scott. Between Scott and assistant coach Pat Lamie, the Grayling coaching staff is working to make the soccer squad competitive this season.

The coaches also have set the starting lineup for the beginning of the season. Onna Ingvarsson leads the 11-person starting team as the Grayling goalkeeper. Arica Burkett is the sweeper, and Kristie Cadeau and Amanda Behey are the starting marking backs.

Sarah McGuire is listed as the stopper. The two midfield wing positions are held by Julia McAnallen and Deanna Fleischmann. The two Dunckley girls — Michelle and Deanna — are in the starting lineup as the center midfielders.

The starting strikers in the early season are Sarah Autem and Melissa Ostwald.

There were a number of outstanding performances by the starters and substitute in the Grayling Ogemaw Heights contest. The Vikings played a good defensive game, falling in a tight soccer contest, 2-0.

According to Scott, Arica Burkett played a strong game and anchored the Grayling defense from her sweeper position. Cadeau and Michelle Dunckley also were recognized for their outstanding performances in the midfield area.

Scott also mentioned the play of Autem and goalkeeper Carrie Hellebuyck. Hellebuyck held the Ogemaw team scoreless in the second half, registering 25 saves.

The soccer players also competed hard against Petoskey, but fell to a second half explosion by the Petoskey offense. The Vikings took the loss by a final score of 9-1. The Vikings were

very competitive in the first half, trailing only 2-1 at halftime.

Goalkeeper Onna Ingvarsson played a strong first half, making 22 saves.

Burkett scored the only goal for the Vikings on a penalty kick. Scott pointed out that McAnallen played an excellent game as the team's stopper.



PREPARING AN OFFENSE -- Sarah Autem (25) and Melissa Ostwald (22), members of the Grayling High School soccer team prepare an offensive strategy during a recent game.

photo by Craig Hofman



MOVING UP THE FIELD -- Kristie Cadeau (20) and Sarah McGuire (23) move the ball up the field. Both girls are members of the Grayling High School soccer team. photo by Craig Hofman

Boys tennis serves up many wins

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School boys tennis team headed into the 1997 season against Harbor Springs on Tuesday, April 15 with only one outside practice.

The Vikings played Harbor Springs tough and won more games in one meet than they did all of last year combined.

The Vikings were defeated 6-2, but had some excellent showings against a team that has the ability to practice indoors.

I was very pleased with the way the kids played. Our goal was to improve over last year and to be more competitive and it is apparent that we should be able to exceed those goals," said head coach Tom Mills.

The Vikings number one doubles

team of Travis Hopp and Jeremy Jones won their match.

The number two doubles team of Josh Brannon and Peter Mead also won their match and played well. According to Mills, this was the first time they had played tennis in competition.

John Moua was defeated at number one singles 6-2 and 6-0.

Number two singles player Ryan Gaffke was defeated 6-0 and 6-1.

Mike Winters fought throughout his match at number three singles and won the first set 6-2, but was defeated in the next two sets by the scores of 6-3 and 6-3.

Number four singles Shane Colby played hard but lost 6-3 and 6-1.

Number three doubles Travis

Beckett and Mike Oswald came close to a match victory, but lost 7-5 and 6-4.

Number four doubles Jarrid Armstrong and Justin Davis lost their match 6-2 and 6-3.

In an exhibition match Ravi Ramaswamy and John Halstead lost 8-5 in a pro set.

"We have a very young team and are trying to get back to where the program was before it was dissolved years ago. With mostly a sophomore team we will continue to improve and challenge for years to come," Mills said.

The Vikings travel to Elk Rapids on Tuesday, April 21 and to Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, April 24. On Tuesday, April 29 the team will host Boyne City.

JV Vikings baseball off to 2-0 start

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity baseball team got off to a swinging start on Thursday, April 17 at home against Lake City by defeating them 14-6 in the first game and coming back to win 5-4 in the second game.

The Vikings were ready to play Tuesday, April 15, but their games against Roscommon had to be cancelled due to snow on the baseball field. The extra days of practice paid off.

In the first game the Vikings came out swinging and connected several times against Lake City pitching.

Jeremy Latuszek had three hits.

John Haskel had a bases loaded double to help give the Vikings a 5-0 lead. Jeremy Milliken pitched a strong game by going the distance and striking out five and only giving up five hits and three walks.

In the second contest the Vikings got themselves in a hole down 4-1 in the bottom of the fourth. The Vikings dug deep and never gave up and scored four runs to come back and win the game.

The Vikings pulled off the victory

even though they were out hit 8-3, but walks and stolen bases helped bring in the winning runs.

Josh Sheldon pitched the entire game.

"Josh showed a lot of heart because this was the first time he ever pitched," said head coach Duane VanDrese.

"I was very impressed by the way the kids played as a team. The leaders stepped forward and everyone played their role and this helped us win both games," VanDrese said.

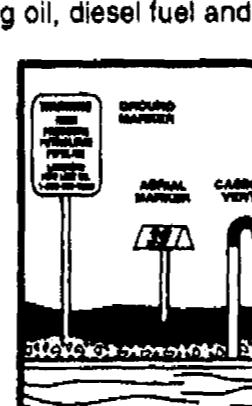
"Everybody got to play and everybody contributed especially on defense and two victories is a nice way to start the season," VanDrese said.

The Vikings will play Gladwin at home on Friday, April 25.

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FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

Community Clean-up Day: May 3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. We need your help to clean up your recreation area. Bring a rake and gloves. Lunch will be provided.

T-Ball: Registration is now open for early registration at a cost of \$20 by May 9. Season begins Saturday, May 31.

Youth Softball: Early Registration is \$20 by April 25. Season begins May 16.

Men's Softball: Meeting May 1.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Wednesday Womens' League

By Donna Thomson

Attention — Wednesday Golf League.

The organizational meeting of the Wednesday morning golf league will be on April 28, Monday at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. President, Vannie Addison

will surely have some words of wisdom for us and I for one, am very anxious to get on the links.

See you Monday — that's all fore now.

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- Fatigue, shortness of breath, and rapid heartbeat with minor exertion.
- Swollen feet, ankles and lower legs.
- The need to sleep "high" or you can't breathe.

Marcy Lampinen



What causes heart failure?

- Heart attack.
- High blood pressure.
- Hardening of the arteries.
- Heart valve problems.

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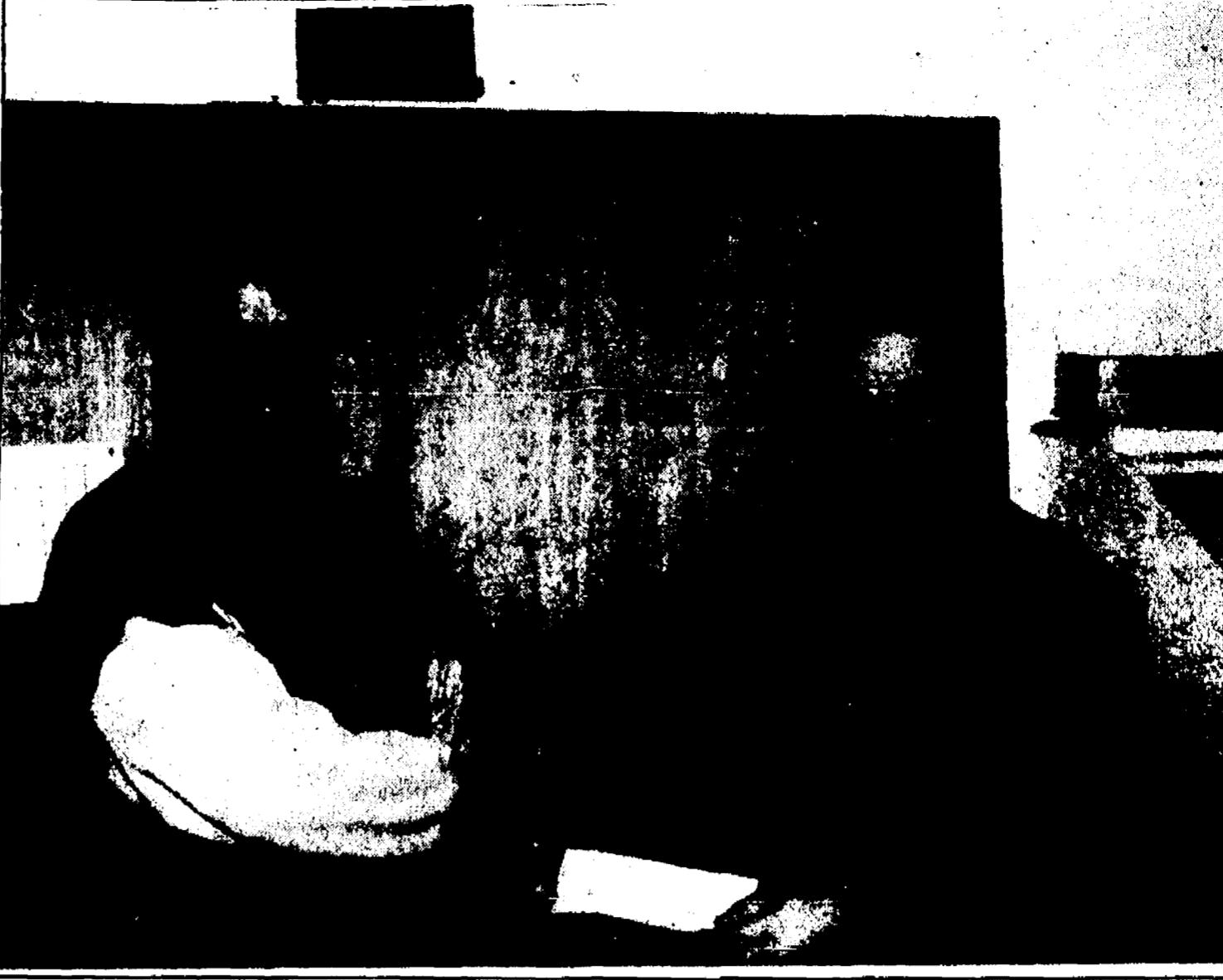
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HELPING OUT — Doug Hinkle (left), vice president of the Grayling Booster Club, presents Bob McLachlan of the Christian Youth Center with a check of funds to help the start up of the recently opened center.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

The time of year is approaching when the potential for animal bites is extremely high. Whenever such a bite occurs, the chance for rabies could possibly exist.

Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. This virus lives in the saliva and brain tissue of infected animals. It infects pets, livestock, wildlife and people who come in contact with infected saliva or brain tissue. This happens when a bite or scratch occurs or there is an accidental contact between open wounds/mucous membranes and infected saliva. Household pets, farm animals and even people may possibly contract rabies from infected wild or stray animals.

Nationwide, animals that are considered at risk for spreading rabies are: foxes, skunks, raccoons, bats, coyotes, bobcats, unvaccinated cats and dogs, and even some woodchucks and ferrets. In 1995, a total of 43 animals were determined to be rabies positive in Michigan. All were bats, and they subsequently exposed household cats and dogs as well as humans. This underscores the need to vaccinate household pets. However, any of the animals listed above could also be carriers of rabies in this state as well. An epidemic of rabies in raccoons has occurred in neighboring states and may be of concern here sometime in the future.

All unfamiliar animals should be treated with caution. Warn children not to touch wild animals or unfamiliar dogs and cats. No wild animals should be kept as pets. To discourage scavengers from residing near your house, keep garbage tightly covered. Make sure your own pets are vaccinated against rabies. Secure screens and doors to keep wild animals out of your house. Call for assistance if a wild animal or bat enters your home. Bats are a particular concern to health department officials. Although

excellent consumers of insect pests, a small percentage of bats are infected with rabies. These bats appear normal in all respects to the ordinary observers.

Several years ago, a bat from this area was captured and tested for rabies with a positive result. Consequently, bats should never be touched with bare hands.

If after all your best efforts an animal bite should occur, the response should be as follows:

If a bite occurs from any animal, allow it to bleed for several minutes, then wash it thoroughly with soap and water. Don't soak the wound which may only increase other bacterial contamination.

Contact your physician at once or if the bites are extensive and severe, take the victim to the hospital for treatment.

Find out from the victim what type and species of animal inflicted the bite, its size and color and, if someone's pet, the name and address of the owner. Also, have the person explain how the incident happened, if the animal was provoked or unprovoked, the time it happened and any unusual behavior on the part of the animal. Make sure you know and can tell health officials the victim's immunization status, what treatment you gave the bite at home, the location of the bite on the body and if this person has any medical conditions that affect his or her immunity.

Call the Health Department to report the bite along with this other important information and call the Animal Control Authority to apprehend or confine this animal if necessary. Do not apprehend it yourself. Also do not kill the animal, since it may be needed to run tests. If killing the animal becomes necessary, take care not to damage the head or subject it to freezing.

After the bite has been examined, the physician will determine whether rabies treatment is necessary. If it is, it should be started within 24 hours. Various factors must be considered first. The most important determining factor is the animal involved. Squirrels, chipmunks, gophers, gerbils, hamsters, rabbits, mice, moles, shrews and rats are not considered a source of rabies except in very rare cases. Anti-rabies treatment is usually not initiated for these bites. However, skunks, bobcats, raccoons, foxes, bats, coyotes, and dogs/cats which are not immunized against rabies are always a risk. If a bite occurs from one of these, further evaluation and follow-up are necessary. The Health Department will

assist the physician in determining what the recommended treatment should be.

Know the signs and symptoms of rabies. Any change in any animal's expected behavior could be a sign of rabies. An animal may be strangely shy or too easily approached. It may appear confused and sluggish, or unusually excitable and aggressive. Other worrisome signs include daytime

activity by a normally nocturnal animal, staggering while walking, a strange inability to eat or drink, drooling, convulsions and frothing at the mouth, paralysis, or a change in the sound of an animal's voice.

Fortunately, the occurrence of rabies in domestic animals has been decreasing, thanks to the combined efforts of veterinarians, animal control, and health officials. However, the increasing numbers of cases among wild animals cannot be ignored.

Treating these wild animals with a healthy respect, keeping them at a distance, and vaccinating your own pets can greatly reduce the risk of rabies.

Cooking for one or two

in short order when you're hungry.

Buy a package of chicken breasts and make four different meals — for instance, baked chicken, sliced or chipped chicken in a main-dish salad, chicken rolled up in a flour tortilla with vegetables and salsa, and/or a stir-fry with vegetables.

When you have the time, prepare a favorite stew, soup, casserole or one-dish meal recipe that makes many servings. Refrigerate what you'll eat in the next three or four days and freeze the rest in meal-sized packages.

Prepare one-pack meals. Start with a heavy duty aluminum foil. Add a chicken breast, turkey cutlet, fish or even a cup of beans. Add a cup of vegetables and seasonings and two to four tablespoons of liquid such as fruit or vegetable juice, fat-free salad dressing, broth or soy sauce. Fold over tightly and seal all around. Place on a cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees F for 10 to 15 minutes.

To have fresh fruits on hand all week, buy at various stages of ripeness.

Search the frozen food aisle for main dish options, frozen dinners or small packages of frozen foods for one or two.

Keep a supply of ingredients on hand that quickly make meals, such as canned water-pack tuna or chicken; pasta or other grains; small cans or jars of low-fat sauces and salsa; packaged pasta or grain mixes; canned vegetables, legumes, and fruit, soup and dry beans.

Planning is an important part of having satisfying meals whether you're cooking for one or two, eight or even 20. Take the time to plan what you want to eat and make a shopping list. Be sure to check to see what you already have on hand.

Create an appealing atmosphere. Even if you're dining alone you can light candles and put on music.

Carnival help still needed

The Frederic Elementary School old-fashioned school carnival to take place May 2 is still in need of volunteers.

The carnival will include many games and even a cake walk. However, to make the carnival successful more volunteers and donations of time are needed.

To volunteer contact the school at 348-7641.

Logging workshop set in L'Anse

With the increasing demand for high quality sawlogs and veneer and a limited hardwood sawtimber resource, it is essential that producers maximize the log grade recover and dollars for every tree cut.

This one day workshop on May 13 at the Ford Forestry Center in L'Anse will focus on log grading and bucking principles that will help maximize the profits from a logging operation.

This workshop is put on by Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Technological University. Those interested can contact Gail Weisinger at (906) 482-5830. Workshop fee is \$55 and includes instruction, handout materials, coffee breaks and lunch.

Poet's Corner

by Monica Peters

AuSable Primary first grader

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Mud is black
Mud is squishy
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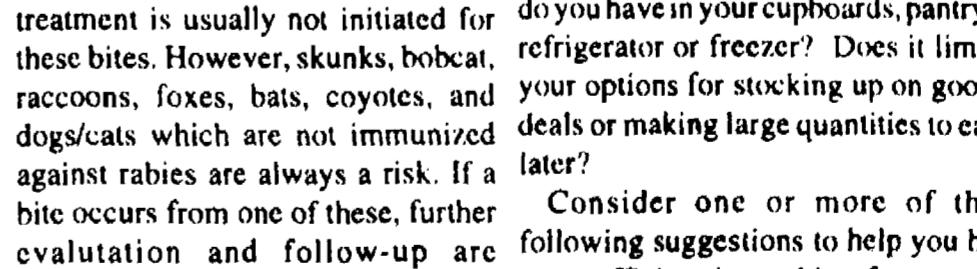
My bird can chirp.
My bird can sing.

On a winter night the wind is cold.
On a summer night the wind is warm.

Snow is fluffy.
Snow is white
On a stormy night.

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DART CHAMPS—Ron Everson, Eileen Helton and Dave Helton (left to right) of Jimmy Jukebox of Gaylord, were First-place Finishers in the Holiday Inn Dart League. This is Ron's 7th championship, Eileen's and Dave's 4th. Ron got the High Dart Award and Dave got four Shang HIs.

Graduation set for academy

Kirtland Community College's Regional Police Academy will conduct commencement exercises on Friday, May 2, at 11 a.m., in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium. Twelve students are expected to graduate from Kirtland's Fourth Regional Police Academy class. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies.

Robert Denslow, director of public safety for the Cadillac Police Department, will deliver the commencement address. Welcoming remarks and the presentation of awards will be made by Academy Director Jerry W. Boerema. Kirtland Community College President Dr. Dorothy N. Franke will bring a message from the college, introduce Denslow and present closing remarks.

Graduation certificates will be presented by Franke, Boerema, James L. Delahanty, chairman of Kirtland's Board of Trustees, and Ray Beach, Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council representative. A reception with graduates, their families and guests will take place in the Student Center immediately following the ceremonies.

Denslow has been director of Cadillac's police and fire departments since January 1991. He previously worked for the City of Mount Pleasant, where he progressed from the rank of patrolman to deputy director of public safety. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in 1975 and a master of public administration in 1986.

He is past president of the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Northern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Police Chiefs and Michigan Emergency Management Association. He also serves on advisory boards for the Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Consortium, based at Kirtland, and the Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Institute at Central Michigan University.

Kirtland's Fourth Regional Police Academy graduating class includes Stephen Albrecht of Kingston, Douglas Baum of Atlanta, Francis Claeys of Lewiston, Ronald Fenlon of Cheboygan; Dave Grondin of St Ignace, Michael Max of Prudenville, Robert Scarbrough of Twin Lake, Chad Stevens of Cadillac, Gordon Temple of Harbor Springs, Mike Trenkle of Howell; Wilhelm vonMatt of Gladwin; and Dan Wills of Lake George.



SHELTER GETS MONEY — These residents of the Crawford County Animal Shelter received some donations from area families and their pets. The Terry Wakeley family, Sal Truettner Hubel, Andrea and Jim Nygard, the Alan Peterson family, and Roy and Bernie Milnes donated some money to the animal shelter from their pets. The shelter also received a \$2,000 donation from Anna Ingebord Hanson Raae.

E-mail site, phone number set up for education

Sen Carl Levin (D-Mich.) is inviting parents across Michigan to express themselves on the state of education in their communities and Congress' education agenda using a new e-mail site and a toll free number.

"Meaningful education reform must be a priority in this session of Congress. To help our efforts, we need the advice and help of parents who have kids in school," said Levin, who met with Michigan Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) leaders to launch the new site.

"We are looking for information about the current status of their schools, what circumstances their sons and daughters are facing in their classrooms and what kind of shape the buildings are in," Levin said. "These stories should put a sharper focus on the education agenda here on Capitol Hill."

The toll free number uses the new triple eight prefix, 1-888/228-1259. The e-mail address is parents@dp.senate.gov.

"Safe, well maintained schools that are equipped with modern technology

are essential to providing quality educational opportunities for all children," said Michigan PTA President Grace Preston of Rochester, who endorsed Levin's outreach efforts.

"Children cannot learn in buildings that are falling down around them. Buildings that allow the outside elements into the classroom, divert the child's attention from their task of learning to staying warm, cool and dry. Recent technologies that require more electrical and telephone wiring sometimes cannot be made available in facilities designed and built early this century."

In the opening days of the 105th Congress, Senate Democrats introduced legislation to address unmet needs facing elementary and secondary education. Levin is an original cosponsor of this bill, "The Education for the 21st Century Act," which aims to ensure that every eight-year-old can read by the year 2000, higher education is more affordable for students, debt burdens after college are reduced, crumbling schools are rebuilt and technology literacy increased.

Levin hopes this new outreach effort to seek examples of unmet needs for children and schools will provide powerful tools to help Congress enact meaningful education reform. He is also seeking videotapes of schools from elementary and secondary school principals where repair and renovation are desperately needed.

A 1996 report by the General Accounting Office determined billions of dollars are necessary to bring all schools into good overall condition. The same GAO report found that one-third of all schools need extensive repair or replacement and almost 46 percent have inadequate electrical wiring for computers and communications. The Democrat's bill provides an interest subsidy for these kinds of construction and repair projects to bring loan costs substantially below market rates.

FCC 'score card' provides phone users information about service complaints

The words may not be part of your everyday vocabulary — slamming, operator service providers (OSPs), information services.

Yet, 63 percent of all consumer telephone-related complaints handled by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) during the most recent reporting period alleged slamming or problems with OSPs or information services.

To help consumers protect themselves — and to alert the industry to problems — the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau has compiled a "Scorecard" that provides information consumers need to make informed decisions about telephone-related services.

The "Scorecard" includes an analysis of how telephone companies performed and the types of telephone-related complaints and inquiries filed by consumers with the FCC. It also includes valuable consumer tips on how to avoid pitfalls when selecting a telecommunications company and what to do if problems occur.

OSP rates and charges.

Consumer complaints about information services — such as sports scores, psychic readers and chat lines — ranked third.

Consumers are protected from deceptive information service-call practices by federal law and FCC and Federal Trade Commission rules.

The "Scorecard" offers tips on how companies can significantly reduce consumer complaints filed against them by consumers. Some suggestions include providing consumers more information about their services, improving overall customer service programs and maintaining better billing and service records.

The Scorecard can be browsed and downloaded from the Internet: http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Reports/score_card_95.html.

LOWE RECOGNIZED — Members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3736 hosted a recognition dinner and presentation for State Rep. Allen Lowe. The two local organizations provided Lowe with letters of appreciation, and Violet Kehr, legislative committee chair for the VFW, presented a book with clippings of Lowe's work as state representative. Lowe is pictured here with Donna Malinowski (left), American Legion president, and VFW President Marie Scott.

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF
CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGSMeeting Held On The
24th Day of March 1997
Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 P.M.
II. Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, 0. Absent: 0, motion carried.

Ruddy, Akers, Moshier
Members Absent: None.
Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Duane Brooks, Fred Fedak, Norm Bancroft, Tim Smith, Verna Meharg, City Treasurer, John Meharg, Bob Butzin, Michele Butzin, 5 Students, Betty Bennett, Eric Gaertner of Avalanche, Bill Gannon, Wayne Winchester, Dave Sabin, City Attorney and other citizens.
III. 97-32

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers

that the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE
REGARDING MUNICIPAL
CIVIL INFRACTIONS

The Grayling Township Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING beginning at 8 pm on Tuesday, May 13, 1997, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, to receive and review public comment regarding the following proposed ordinances:

- (1) An ordinance to add the basic provisions and procedures for implementing the municipal civil infraction approach and establish a Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau, including a schedule of civil fines to be used in connection with the Bureau.
- (2) An ordinance, and to amend three existing township regulatory ordinances (Ord. No. 85-1, Sign Ordinance; Ord. No. 92-3, Junk & Garbage Ordinance; Ord. No. 4-67, Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance) to provide for municipal civil infractions.
- (3) An ordinance to amend the Zoning to provide that violations of that ordinance are municipal civil infractions.

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the proposed ordinances may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, April 29, 1997, beginning at 7 pm in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE 97-3C: Lorna LaMotte, Petitioner
6540 Turner Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

PROPERTY CODE: 20-041-003-002-020-00

LOCATION: Section 3, T26N, R3W
North Down River road 1/4 mile West of Headquarters Rd.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit in the Recreational Forest (R-F) Zone to allow a community facility, specifically, an animal shelter, owned and operated by a non-profit community or governmental unit. (Sec. 16.4A G.T.Z.O.)

Case files, zoning ordinance and maps may be viewed at the Grayling Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361, or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO
PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Crawford County board of Commissioners is offering for sale a 90'x90' metal roofed and sided pole building structure located on land leased to Crawford County and owned by the United States government at Grayling Army Airfield.

No real estate is included with this offer to sell. Also included as a part of this offer to sell is the condition that the structure be disassembled and removed from the site within ninety (90) days of the Crawford County's acceptance of the successful bidder's offer to purchase.

The purchaser shall not be required to remove: (1) foundation structure below grade level; or (2) concrete flooring. However, at the conclusion of the disassembly and removal process no part of the structure shall be left standing above the grade of the surrounding property.

This offer to sell is inclusive of all plumbing, heating and electrical light fixtures, as well as appurtenances to those systems.

The successful bidder shall be required to submit with his sealed proposal a second unsealed packet including proof of general liability insurance, in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), and proof of Workman's Compensation Insurance for personnel to be used in the disassembly of the building.

A summary of the competitive bid and negotiation process to be used for the sale of this structure can be obtained during normal business hours from the office of Ms. Sandy Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 or Mr. David Frederick, Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority, 4276 W. North Down River Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

An appointment to inspect the building offered for sale can be made by contacting Mr. David Frederick either in person at his office or by telephone, at (517) 348-8215.

Bid packets are due not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday May 5, 1997 at the office of the Crawford County Clerk.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO
AWARD A CONTRACT ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED WITH OR WITHOUT NEGOTIATION OR TO
REJECT ALL PROPOSALS**

-17-24

IV. Citizens who wish to speak:
a. Michele Butzin addressed Council regarding a letter of complaint she sent to the Police Chief. Mr. Morford will handle this as it is a personnel matter and is not appropriate for Council discussion.

b. Lynn McConnell, the new Director of the Chamber of Commerce and GAVC, introduced herself to Council and offered to work with the City in any way possible for the common good.

c. Deb Golden passed out brochures regarding a Michigan Historical Preservation Council Meeting in Bay City April 11th & 12th and would like to see members of the City Council attend this meeting if possible.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. Letter to Navy regarding memorabilia from Ship Grayling.

b. February 1997 Finance Report. Mr. Stevens commended the City Treasurer on recent finance reports being accurate and timely.

c. Letter from Duane Brooks regarding Wildfire Hearings Schedule. Duane Brooks addressed Council with concerns regarding these Hearings. There will be a Public Hearing on April 3, 1997 at 7:30 at the Grayling High School. Representative Allen Lowe will be present at the Public Hearing.

97-33

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that Mr. Morford prepare and send a letter in support of Task Force recommendation. This letter to go to all area Legislators and the Governor. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of March 4, 1997.

e. Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of February 25, 1997.

f. February 1997 Police Reports.

g. Grayling Township Planning Meeting Notice. Will have a joint meeting with the City on April 15th in preparation for later Public Hearings.

h. Race Track Data. Fred Fedak brought Council up to date.

i. Emergency Service Council Minutes.

VI. Old business.

a. Railroad Crossing Signal Maintenance and question of Crawford County obligation to City in this matter. Mr. Stevens asked if Dave Sabin should remain our Attorney in this matter as he is affiliated with the County. Mr. Morford noted he will recommend a course of action at a future meeting.

VII. New Business.

a. Proposed Amendment to City Income Tax Ordinance regarding Personal Exemptions and Estimated Tax Payments.

97-34

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling Income Tax Ordinance No. 72-5 provides, at Section 31(1) and Section 31(4) as follows:

"Sec. 31(1) An individual taxpayer in computing his taxable income is allowed deductions for the full personal and dependency exemptions authorized by the Federal Internal Revenue Code. The taxpayer may claim his or her spouse and dependents as exemptions, but if the taxpayer and the spouse are both subject to the tax imposed by this ordinance, the number of exemptions claimed by each of them when added together shall not exceed the total number of exemptions allowed under this Ordinance."

"Sec. 31(4) For tax years beginning after 1986 an exemption is allowed from the tax levied under this Act if the person's adjusted gross income for that tax year is less than \$600.00, or an exemption of \$600.00 for a person with respect to whom a deduction under Section 151 of the Internal Revenue Code is allowable to another federal taxpayer during the tax year and is therefore not considered to have a federal personal exemption under Subsection 1."

AND WHEREAS the enabling Act permitting the imposition and collection by cities of an excise tax levied on, or measured by income, being Act No. 284 of the Public Acts of 1964, provides, at Section 31(1), that a deduction for a minimum amount for each personal and dependency exemption under the rules for determining exemptions and dependents provided in the Federal Internal Revenue Code could be accomplished by the passage of a further ordinance;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the City of Grayling being desirous of providing for a deduction of \$1500.00 for each personal and dependency exemption to potential taxpayers of the City of Grayling Income Tax;

AND WHEREAS the Grayling City Manager has presented an amendment to Ordinance 72-5(City Income Tax) which would increase the deduction for each personal and dependency exemption to the City Income Tax Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Grayling that Sections 31(1) and Section 31(4) of the Grayling City Income Tax Ordinance No. 72-5 are amended to read as hereafter stated and that the Council authorizes the Income Tax Administrator for the City of Grayling to publish notice of the amendment in the Crawford County Avalanche with the same becoming effective for the tax year 1997;

"Sec. 31(1) An individual taxpayer in computing his or her taxable income is allowed deductions for the full personal and dependency exemptions of \$1500.00 for each personal and dependency exemption under the rules for determining exemptions and dependents as provided in the Federal Internal Revenue Code. The taxpayer may claim his or her spouse and dependents as exemptions, but if the taxpayer and the spouse are both subject to the tax imposed by this ordinance, the number of exemptions claimed by each of them when added together shall not exceed the total number of exemptions allowed under this ordinance."

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Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

97-35

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that

WHEREAS the City of Grayling Income Tax Ordinance No. 72-5 provides, at Section 62(2) as follows:

"(2) If a taxpayer has not previously been required to file, the declaration shall be filed on or before the first date for making a quarterly payment which occurs after he

becomes subject to the requirement to file a declaration. A taxpayer shall file a declaration for the same calendar year, fiscal year, or other accounting period that has been accepted by the federal internal revenue service for federal income tax purposes. A declaration by an individual or unincorporated entity is not required if the total estimated tax, less any credits applicable thereto, does not exceed \$40. A declaration by a corporation is not required if the total estimated tax, less any credits applicable thereto, does not exceed \$250. A declaration by or on behalf of an estate or trust is not required.

And WHEREAS the enabling Act permitting the imposition and collection by cities of an excise tax levied on or measured by income, being Act No. 284 of the Public Acts of 1964, has been amended to provide for an increase of the minimum amount required to be declared by an individual or unincorporated entity from \$40 to \$100.

AND WHEREAS the Council for the City of Grayling being desirous of making this benefit available to potential taxpayers of the City of Grayling City Income Tax;

AND WHEREAS the City Income Tax Administrator has the authority to amend the City Income Tax Ordinance No. 72-5 upon the approval of the Council for the City of Grayling:

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 20-26

ARIES March 21-April 20

Get your exercise and diet program back in shape, but don't neglect your reading. Taking a class or hitting the library could pay dividends. You'll have to dig to find the answer to a nagging question but it's worth it. Putting your thoughts on paper helps you analyze options.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

It may be just the right time to treat yourself to a small indulgence but be careful not to overspend. Watch for bargains. Scaling back your plans now could work out better while saving time and money. A loved one will go along with your plans if you explain things.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

Your thoughts and intuition are on target. You know just the questions to ask to get the answers you need. You'll be able to see and understand things that others don't. An old friend comes back into the picture and could help behind the scenes. Keep an eye on expenses.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Paperwork could be a problem so resolve to look over things carefully and read between the lines. This may be the time to call in a professional or get a second opinion. Be receptive to all beatitudes of suggestions. They could pay off big. A wise friend or family member you haven't seen in a while.

LEO July 23-August 23

Working with a group leads to greater productivity and accomplishment for you. Your leadership abilities come through, and you'll discover you're pretty good at resolving disputes and getting people to work together. Other people appreciate your efforts, and you'll get the credit that's due.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Job pressures increase, but you'll be able to handle them because a family or home crisis is resolved to your satisfaction. Money concerns also clear up and you'll come out ahead. Keep your focus and don't get rattled; a slow and steady pace gets the best results. Watch your back at work.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

LIBRA September 23-October 23

Get an early start on things and you'll have plenty of time for rest and relaxation. Don't get caught in the retaliation game with a friend or family member. Forgive and forget. You could be doing some traveling soon, but stay off the beaten path. Insights and attractions can be found everywhere.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

A long awaited project gets started at last. Progress seems slow but things really are moving along nicely. Rely on a friend or coworker's knowledge and talents to keep things in perspective. You know what needs to be done and how to do it. Slow, steady progress works best.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

Things are looking up with a friend or family member. A creative project could blossom, and your talent will come shining through. You'll be able to communicate your ideas and get people on your side. Someone close to you may have their own agenda, so be cautious.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Personal and professional pressures are on a collision course, but you can keep things from getting out of hand if you pay attention and establish priorities. Turn to friends and family to help you keep control of the situation. You'll get the support you need if you ask for it.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

You have many things going on at once, but you'll be able to handle them. A family member's situation improves, and things will soon be back to normal. Take a break whenever possible to clear your head and keep your focus. A short trip or a night out will boost your spirits and do wonders for your outlook.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Domestic situations require a major time commitment. Keep on top of them or you risk spreading yourself too thin. Stay in the background and do more listening than talking. Hold off on a major purchase until you've done your homework. Romance could heat up, and there may be a surprise.



HOME NEEDED — This male black lab mix is six-months-old. This dog appears housebroken and has all of his vaccinations. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHICKEN WITH PICANTE BLACK BEAN SAUCE

Prep Time: 10 minutes • Cook time: 35 minutes

2 t. ground cumin
1/2 t. garlic powder
6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 lbs.)
1 T vegetable oil
1/2 C. diced green or red pepper

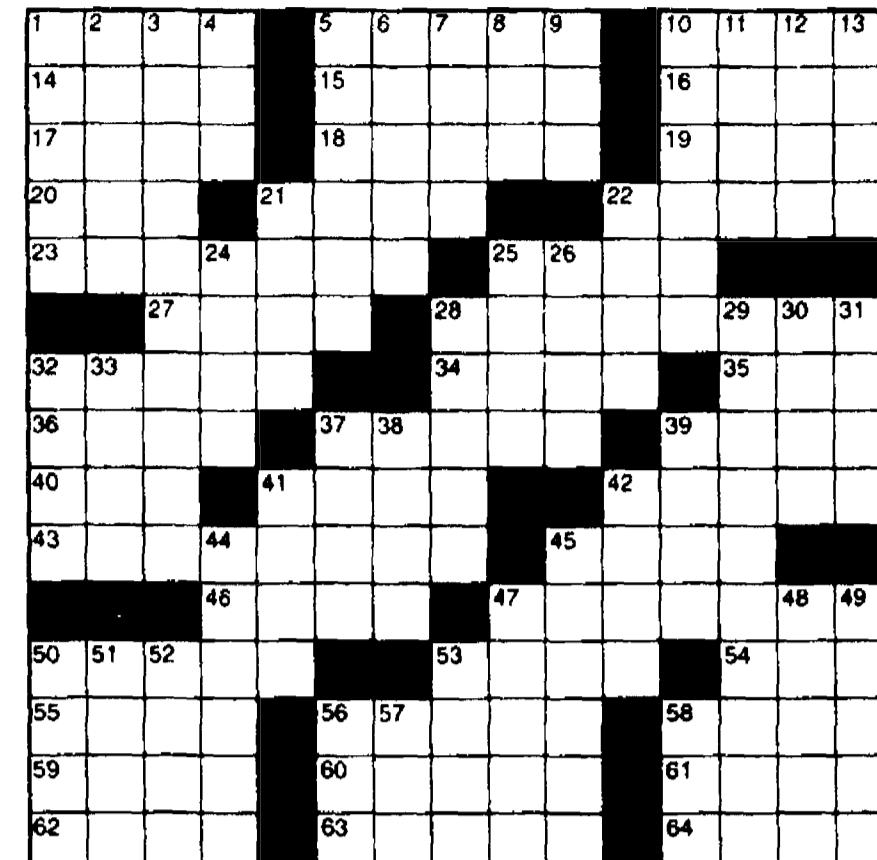
1. Mix 1 teaspoon cumin and garlic powder. Sprinkle both sides of chicken with cumin mixture.
2. In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add chicken in two batches and cook 10 minutes or until browned. Set chicken aside.
3. Add picante sauce, remaining cumin, pepper, corn and beans. Heat to a boil. Return chicken to pan. Reduce heat to low. Cover

and cook 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Serves 6



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1. Tattle
5. Serranid fish
10. Barney's bowling buddy
14. Costa ___
15. Oily fruit
16. University of Nevada city
17. Move by small degrees
18. Rapscallions
19. Divisive word
20. Flower visitor
21. Diana's sister-in-law
22. Late bloomer
23. Attempted
25. Type of pear
27. Met's home
28. Recurring at intervals
32. Smith, for an unimaginative gangster
34. Big name in bras
35. Topsy's playmate
36. Checks
37. Feline-like
39. Unoriginal one
40. Crankcase contents
41. Indianapolis footballer
42. It can be purple
43. Comes before
45. Grandpa Walton's portrayer
46. Couturier Cassini
47. Rendered invalid
50. Manmade river
53. Pod occupants
54. M.'s spouse
55. Final notice, for short
56. Mrs. Basil St. John's maiden name
58. Peasant
59. Venom
60. Split
61. Against: prefix
62. Dragon ___ (Pearl Buck work)
63. Was sick
64. Shaft
25. Suspenders alternative
26. Swinger's party
28. Actress Annie
29. Conduct
30. Bury Burt
31. Be interested
32. Perched on
33. The ___ Of The White Worm (1988 film)
37. System of signals
38. Not have ___ to stand on (2 wds.)
39. Geometry calculation
41. Honeycomb chamber
42. Wooden pins
44. Overlaid
45. Made ready
47. Moxie
48. Overact
49. Overalls fabric
50. Male swans
51. Rose's beloved
52. River at Cairo
53. Grow wearisome
56. Asian sheep
57. Mai ___ (cocktail)
58. Step

DOWN

1. Pay off
2. Ruled marks
3. Within reach
4. Sound of Dickensian disgust
5. Eye part
6. Chan portrayer
7. "Just do it" folks
8. Abel's mom
9. Word of consent
10. The ___ Kid (1979 Ford film)
11. Budget item
12. Being (Spanish)
13. Gateway
21. Motion supporters
22. Where Tet is celebrated
24. Cries of triumph

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 25, 1974

Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling held a ground breaking service Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m., at their property located 1 1/2 miles west on M-72. Pastor Robert J. Barnett, Ted McEvers and Bud Corlew united together to turn the first shovel of earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westbrook celebrated their 47th anniversary April 18. We would like to congratulate them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lord spent the weekend at Lake Orion to attend the wedding of Mr. Lord's sister.

Mrs. Bette Kinsmen was called to Colorado due to the death of her brother-in-law.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet Thursday evening at 7:30. Pot Luck, bring scissors, we will be collecting for Cancer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tottingham and family spent three days with her folks the Elmer Haggadones.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haggadone spent Sunday in Ellsworth at the Raymond Fishers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stuart returned home after spending the winter in Texas.

Black and White Foodland has fresh, smoked picnics for \$.49 per pound; Franco-American Spaghetti, 6/\$1 and Banquet frozen dinners, \$.39.

Michigan's relatively mild winter proved an ally to the Department of Natural Resources deer habitat improvement program, the DNR reports. Limited snowfall and mild temperatures allowed Department tree cutters to operate effectively over wide ranges of the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. This cutting, which betters habitat conditions and provides additional food for the deer, has been spread over 14,000 forested acres to date; up 3,000 acres from last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Nocker of Grayling report that their fishing party caught 36 red snapper and other assorted fish from an artificial reef made of old tires.

Would like to thank the doctors and nurses for their wonderful care and concern during my recent stay in the hospital. Jack Milliken.

Mrs. Roy (Grace) Wedge was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday dinner held at the Arrowhead Inn Thursday, April 18. Others attending were her husband, Roy; sister-in-law, Mrs. Violet Lepesante and Lornie Stafford of Lovells.

46 Years Ago April 26, 1951

The graduation class of '35 is sponsoring a GHS Alumni Association. With the willing assistance of Supt. Frank Bond, members met and began plans for organization.

Joan R. Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond, of Grayling, has been named valedictorian of the 1951 graduating class of Grayling High School. Barbara Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein, of Grayling, has been named salutatorian.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pratt, Ginny Lee, Mrs. Wilbur Winslow, Miss Ella Mae and Mrs. David Cook spent last Saturday in Petoskey and Traverse City.

Mrs. Wilbur and Robert Winslow were co-hostesses at a stork shower for Mrs. Lillian King at the formers' home on Monday evening. Seventeen guests were present. Games were played with prizes going to Lillian King, Helen Johnson, Marguerite Cook and Zip Meyers. Mrs. King received many lovely gifts and the evening was topped off with a lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and family were weekend guests last week of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis at Croswell. While there they celebrated the birthdays of Harold and Janet Johnson and Mr. Lewis.

Mrs. Robert Funk and Mrs. Tom Robertson were in Cadillac Wednesday of last week to attend the Interdenominational Institute sponsored by the Michigan Council of Religious Education.

City Manager Max Davenport, Mayor A. L. Roberts, Robert Funk and Carl Hanson of the City Electrical Department attended an Institute held in Bay City, Friday, of the Michigan Utilities Association.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert were hosts at a potluck dinner Saturday evening to honor the birthday of Mrs. Carl Johnson which fell on Sunday, April 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven left Friday and spent the weekend in Racine, Wisconsin, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eshern Olson, Jr.

69 Years Ago April 26, 1928

The session of the Board of Supervisors at the Court House was unusually long as there were many things to come before the board. Among the important acts of the board at the session were the dropping of the County agricultural agent, the dropping of the County Red Cross nurse and defeat of the petition to appropriate \$1,500 annually toward the support of Mercy Hospital. Erve Roe, chairman of the County Road Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. A. Baumann.

Miss Angelia Asborski is the new clerk at the Hans Peterson Grocery Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fitzpatrick and Theodore McDonald motored to West Branch and Saginaw and spent Sunday.

George Stanley and Ernest Hoesli, who are employed in Pontiac, came up Friday and attended the Junior Prom.

Miss Cass Chamberlain and daughter returned to their home in Oxford, Tuesday, after spending a few days with the former's sister, Mrs. Earl Dawson and family.

Major Hardin Sweeney of the U.S. Army was in the city last week calling on old friends. Mr. Sweeney had just returned from a two year service in the Philippine Islands, where he was accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Alice Brink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Brink.

Hana Peterson is just finishing a new brick front on his store building.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fairbotham are the proud parents of a son born Saturday, April 21.

The fire department was called to the Michigan Central Depot Sunday afternoon to extinguish a fire caused when a lighted cigarette was thrown into a wastebasket.

Friends of Gerald Arthur will be sorry to learn of his death, which took place in Rose City Friday. He used to own the men's shop now owned by John Huber.

92 Years Ago March 30, 1905

Walter Jorgenson has bought the pleasant home of Mrs. Leo Goulet on Chestnut Street.

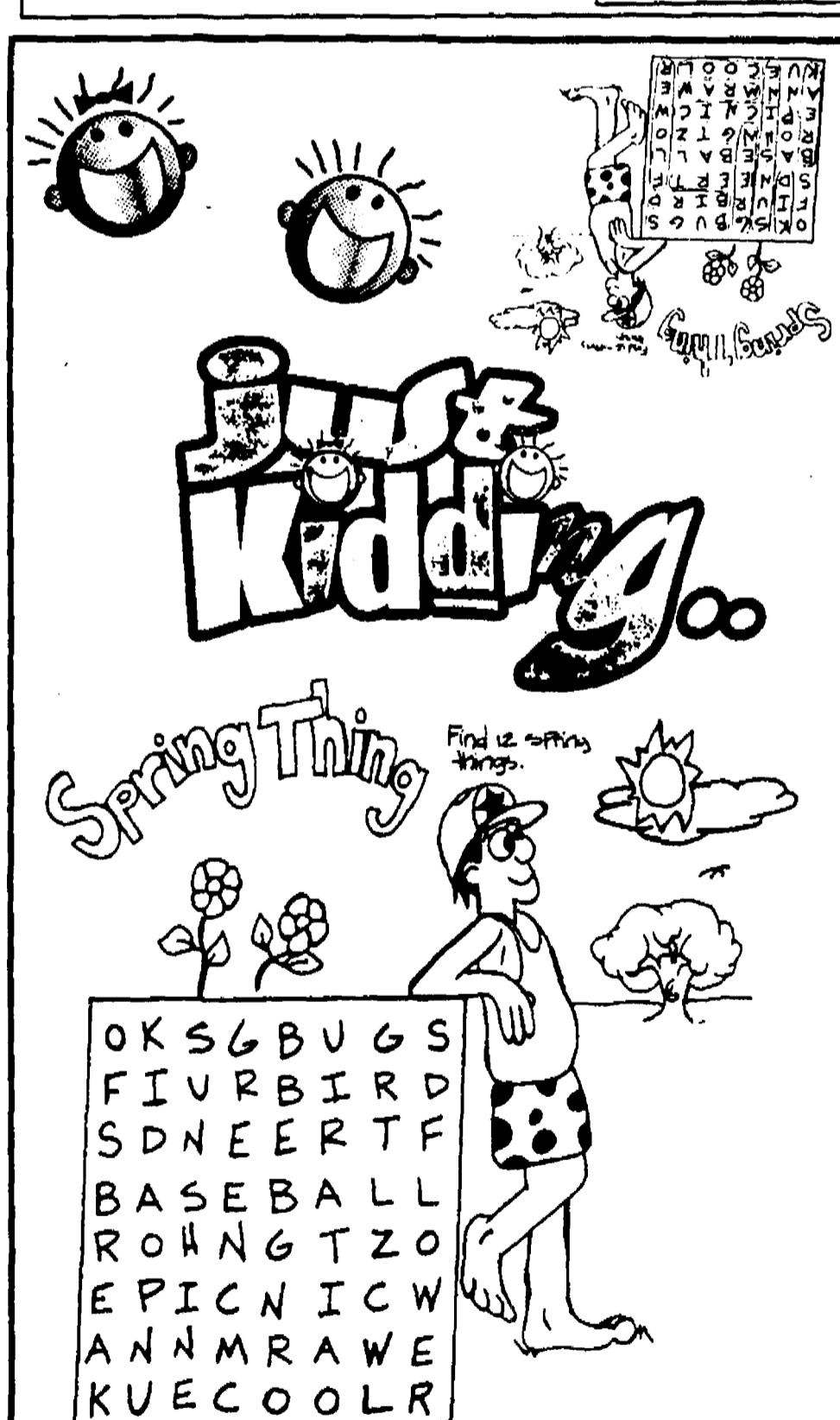
Alder Jorgenson will return here from Lewiston with his family and resume his position with Salling Hanson Co.

Dr. S. N. Insley has bought the lots where the old Avalanche office stood.

N. P. Olson is excavating to put a furnace under the drug store.

Benj. Jerome is home from Agricultural College for a short vacation.

David Flagg has rented the shop of A. Taylor south of the post office and will open a general repair shop for anything from a baby carriage or sewing machine to a steamboat.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
4/16	62	34	0.06	
4/17	36	28	0.01	.25
4/18	45	21		
4/19	49	17		
4/20	53	19		
4/21	53	26		
4/22	45	33	T	

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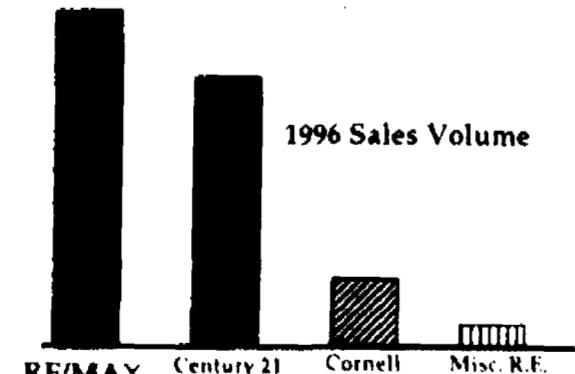


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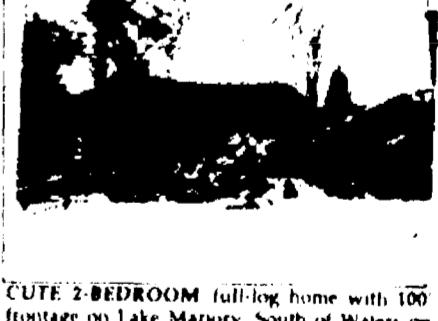
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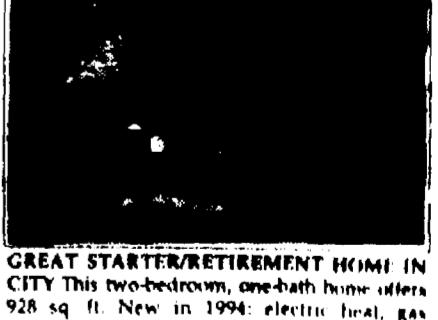
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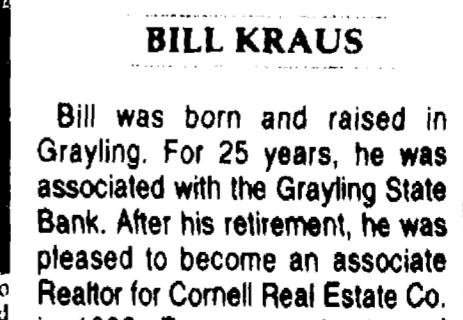
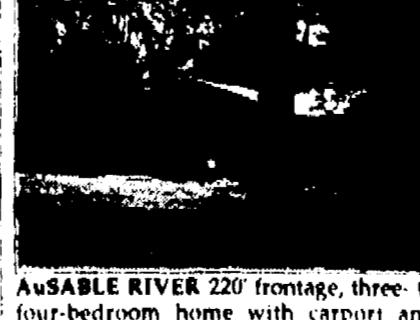
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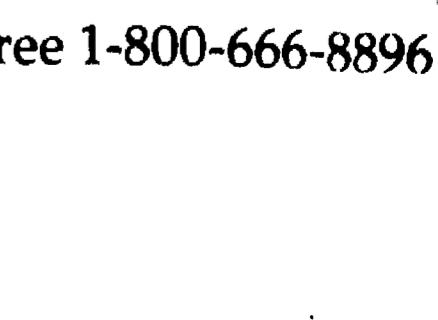
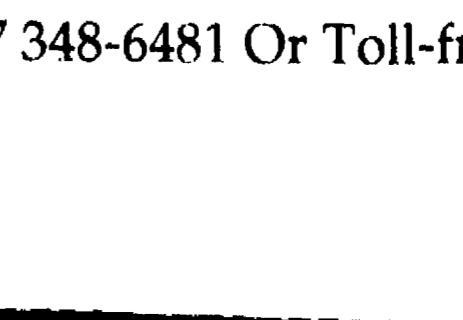
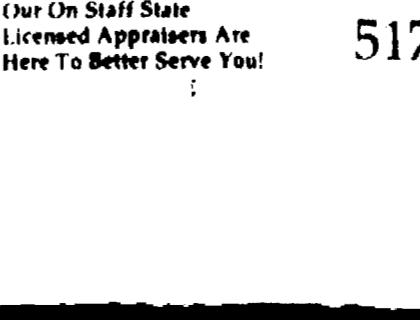
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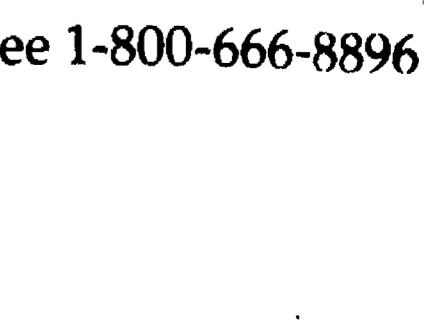


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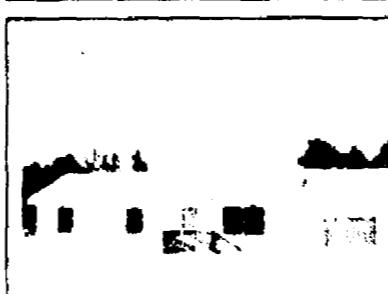
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1992 TEMPO: 4-Cylinder, 5-speed, two-door, 106,000 miles. \$2,500. 517-366-6109 after 5 pm. -17-24-1/8-11

1987 PLYMOUTH SUNDANCE 5-speed, 2 door hatchback. Good condition. \$1,600. 348-7723. -24/11

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1983 CAMARO V-8, T-tops. \$3,000. O.B.O. 348-1026 after 6 p.m., 348-3169 from 9-3, Lemac or Tony. -24/11

1987 CHEVY S-10 4X4. Runs good. \$2,000. 348-6356. -24/11

11. Automotive

1988 PONTIAC GRAND AM 4-DR. - TI, cruise, air, rear spoiler, cassette, power locks, rear defogger, only 3,300. \$14,000. -24/11

1988 OLDS ACHIEVA 4-DR. - V-6, air, M/T, cruise, tape, power windows & locks, much more. \$11,000. -24/11

1988 OLDS CUTLASS CIERA SL 4-DR. - V-6, loaded, still in warranty. \$11,000. -24/11

1988 PLYMOUTH NEON 4-DR. - Air, stereo, audio, automatic, rear defogger. \$10,000. -24/11

1988 FORD TAURUS GL 4-DR. - V-6, air, M/T, cruise, tape, power windows, locks & more. \$10,000. -24/11

1988 FORD CONTOUR SL 4-DR. - Tape, air, cruise, M/T, power windows & locks. \$9,000. -24/11

1988 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE 4-DR. - Power moon roof, loaded, real sheep. \$10,000. -24/11

1988 CHRYSLER LHS - Loaded with leather, low miles, very sharp! \$17,000. -24/11

1988 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT SE WAGON - 7-passenger, loaded, only 23,000. \$15,000. -24/11

1988 CHEVY MONTE CARLO Z34 3-DR. - Air, M/T, cruise, tape, power windows, locks & seats, 3.4 24-valve engine, low miles. \$14,000. -24/11

1988 CHRYSLER LEBARON CONVERTIBLE GTC - Only 15,000 miles, one owner, V-6, loaded. \$13,000. -24/11

1988 CHEVY BERETTA 2-DR. - Automatic, air, M/T, rear defogger, low miles. \$11,000. -24/11

1988 CHEVY CORICA 4-DR. - V-6, automatic, air, power windows, much more. \$8,000. -24/11

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1988 CAMARO Z-28 - 5.7 V-8, 6 speed, T-tops, cassette, M/T, new tires, cruise, tape, one owner. \$13,000. -24/11

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